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*...town of Bennington
New Hampshire
1995 Annual Report*



A Bennington Success Story

A Bennington institution marked its fiftieth birthday this year. It was in 1945 that Albert "Bat" Cuddemi and his wife Beatrice returned to Bennington from a four-year stint in Connecticut to found the Alberto's Restaurant we recognize as a town landmark to this day. "Bat's" hasn't just provided our community with great food, but many good memories and lots of fun.

"Bat" actually got his start in serving the public in 1939 at what was known as Caroline's Cafe named for his oldest daughter, and located in Bennington Square. A family enterprise from the beginning, its great Italian dishes, "best food by a dam site", have been prepared and served by the Cuddemi's from day one. Alberto's has seen three expansions, the last in 1988 under son Joe; whose own family looks forward to carrying on the traditions, atmosphere and standards of quality that have made and maintained its reputation.

Alberto's is a Restaurant of Generations. The atmosphere of "Bats" owes itself to the tradition of family ownership, loyal employees and a dedicated following amongst the community. Starting with "Bat" and still continued to this day by his son Joe, Albertos has employed many members of our Bennington community. Long time Bennington residents such as Sam and Linny Zachos, Arnold Cernota, Grace Trow, Pauline McClure Gilman, Norman Mercier, Marie Magoon and numerous other people worked and loved "Bat's" as their second home.

We salute the 50th anniversary of "Albertos" and wish Joe, Erin, Anthony, Jordan, Connie, Carolyn, and "Bat's" family of present and former employees 50 more years of success.

Thank you from the Citizens of Bennington!

1995 Christmas decorations were prepared by Marie Magoon and arranged by Brian and Kevin Magoon, with help from the Highway Department and Victor Solod

ANNUAL REPORTS

of the

Town Officers

of

BENNINGTON, N.H.

for the Year Ending December 31, 1995

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TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

James G. Dodge	Term Expires March, 1996
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SELECTMEN

Marie E. Magoon	Term Expires March, 1996
Glenn J. Loucks	Term Expires March, 1996
James W. Cleary	Term Expires March, 1998

TOWN CLERK

Denise P. French	Term Expires March, 1996
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TOWN TREASURER

Joyce L. Miner	Term Expires March, 1996
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TAX COLLECTOR

Denise P. French	Appointed
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ROAD AGENT

David Blanchard	Appointed
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LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Joseph MacGregor	Term Expires March, 1996
Virginia Young	Term Expires March, 1997
Elaine Barrett	Term Expires March, 1998

FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Appointed by Selectmen

Robert Horn, Warden	Mark Chase, Deputy
Dominic Collemacine, Deputy	Allan Wilson, Deputy

SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Mark Tazelaar

Term Expires March, 1997

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Appointed by Moderator

Joseph Cuddemi
Terry Schnare

Dennis McKenney
Susan Seneschal

Richard Reed

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

Appointed by the Selectmen

Stephen Chase

Joseph Cuddemi

Walter Reasa

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Elizabeth Chase
David Mancini
Russell Young

Term Expires March, 1996
Term Expires March, 1996
Term Expires March, 1998

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Francesco Carrara
Mae Lizotte
Roy Johnson

Term Expires March, 1996
Term Expires March, 1997
Term Expires March, 1998

OFFICER OF HEALTH/WELFARE

Barbara Huntley

Appointed

CHIEF OF POLICE

Cameron M. C. Brown

Appointed

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

William B. Reid

Appointed

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Philip Traxler
James Champagne
Stephen Chase, Jr.

Term Expires March, 1996
Term Expires March, 1997
Term Expires March, 1998

PLANNING BOARD
Appointed by Selectmen

Elaine Barrett	Term Expires March, 1996
Frank Cordelle	Term Expires March, 1998
Peter Eppig	Term Expires March, 1998
Marie Magoon, ex officio	Term Expires March, 1996
Bill Horton, Chairman	Term Expires March, 1996
Douglas Wilk, Alternate	Term Expires March, 1998
Thomas Carr, Alternate	Term Expires March, 1998

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Appointed by Selectmen

John J. Cronin, III, Chairman	Term Expires March, 1996
David Barrett, Alternate	Term Expires March, 1998
Russell Young	Term Expires March, 1998
Sam Zachos	Term Expires March, 1996
Thomas Cochran	Term Expires March, 1996
Harry Sewall	Term Expires March, 1998
Walter Reasa, Alternate	Term Expires March, 1997

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Chester D. Heinzman, Jr.	Appointed
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CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Appointed by Selectmen

David Barrett, Chairman	Term Expires March, 1998
Dennis McKenney	Term Expires March, 1998
Bruce Edes	Term Expires March, 1998
Terry Schnare	Term Expires March, 1997
Jonathan Manley	Term Expires March, 1997
Peter Eppig	Term Expires March, 1997

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE
Appointed by Selectmen

John J. Cronin, III	Joseph Cuddemi
Joseph MacGregor	Peter Eppig
William Reid, ex-officio	Selectmen

WATER & SEWER COMMISSIONERS

David Rochford	Term Expires March, 1996
Roy Johnson	Term Expires March, 1997
John French	Term Expires March, 1998

NEWHALL PARK BOARD
Appointed by Selectmen

Peter Martel	Term Expires March, 1996
David Parker	Term Expires March, 1997
Joyce Desaulniers	Term Expires March, 1998
Brian Whittemore, Alternate	Term Expires March, 1996

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dominic Collemacine, Chief	Term Expires March, 1996
Timothy Attridge, First Deputy	Term Expires March, 1996
Vacant Second Deputy	Term Expires March, 1996

RECREATION COMMITTEE
Appointed by Selectmen

Susan Seneschal, Chairperson	Penny Durgin, Secretary
Sfa Whittemore, Vice Chairperson	Kevin Cheever
Joyce Desaulniers, Treasurer	Scott Liljeberg
Marie Magoon, ex-officio	

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Appointed by Selectmen

Terry Schnare	Steve Skubik	Richard Verney
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SCHOOL SITE COMMITTEE
Appointed by Selectmen

Eunice Blanchard	Peter Cordatos	Drusilla Cox
Barry Dial	Harvey Goodwin	Peter Martel
Joan Schnare	Mark Tazelaar	Sam Zachos
Marie Magoon	Glenn Loucks	Jim Cleary

"WELCOME TO BENNINGTON" SIGN COMMITTEE
Appointed by Selectmen

Frank Cordelle	Kathryn Cronin	Judith Klein-Dial
Linda Osienski	Tracey Ouellette	Debra Wilk
	Peter Martel	

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote: You are hereby notified to meet at the Fire Station on Tuesday, the twelfth day of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. Shall we adopt provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow official ballot voting on all issues before the Town?

Petitioned Warrant Article.

Note: The casting of absentee ballots will begin at 2:00 PM. The polls will close at 8:00 PM.

You are hereby notified to meet at Great Brook School in said Town of Antrim on Saturday, the 16th day of March 1996, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fourteen thousand six-hundred thirty-one dollars (\$14,631) for the purchase and installation of high pressure sodium street lights or other cost saving measures to replace present street lights. (A planned annual savings of \$3,800 in service charges.)
Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.
4. To see if the Town will vote to reimburse Supervisors of the Checklist in accordance with the number of elections mandated annually; to set that fee beginning in 1996 at seventy-five (\$75.00) per election; and to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450.00) to be added to the amount in Line Item 4140-2-130 to put that into effect.
Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.
5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) as Bennington's share (22.87%) of the cost of dredging the septic lagoon in Antrim which serves the Town's septic disposal needs. The dredging is necessary to comply with State and Federal wastewater management standards.
Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.
6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to fund line item 4210-6-120 in the Police Department 1996 budget request. (Special Detail Temporary Position).

Not recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee (4-1 vote).

(Budget Committee Note: Funds to provide for normal Officer vacations, mandated training, required court appearances, some holidays and sick time in order for the Police Department to maintain 24 hour police coverage.)

7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to be placed in the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund.
Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.
8. To see if the Town will vote (1) to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) to be placed in the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund and (2) to authorize withdrawal from that fund such funds as necessary for the purchase of a new Rescue Vehicle; said vehicles and amount to be determined by the Board of Selectmen.
Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.
9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eleven thousand dollars (\$11,000) to be placed in the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund.
Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.
10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to be placed in the Highway Equipment/Truck Capital Reserve Fund.
Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.
11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000) to be placed in the Library Capital Reserve Fund.
Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.
12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand one hundred eighty-seven dollars (\$5,187) to purchase the following Fire Department Equipment;
 1. a CO2 Tester
 2. Hose
 3. Forestry Tools, Replacement Clothing/Gear
 4. One Air PackRecommended by the Selectmen and Budget Committee.
13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand five hundred dollars (\$5,500) for replacement of second-floor windows at the Bennington Fire Station.
Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.
14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) for repair of the Fire Station roof using either metal or other appropriate replacement/repair material.
Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.
15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate its share, the sum of eight thousand three hundred ten dollars (\$8,310) to perform water testing, gas survey monitoring, topography testing and the mowing of grass at the former Tri-Town Landfill, all as required by the post-closure agreement with the State of New Hampshire; the costs of which are shared by Antrim, Bennington and Franconstown.
Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) as its share of 1996 - 1997 programming for Project LIFT (Fuller Public Library, Hillsboro) which provides literacy services and materials to Bennington residents over 16 years of age. This appropriation will be made only if Federal program funding does not materialize.

Petitioned Warrant Article. Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred sixty eight thousand four hundred seventy one dollars (\$868,471) which represents the 1996 operating budget, said sum exclusive of all Special Articles addressed (3-16).

Recommended by the Selectmen and the Budget Committee.

18. To see if the Town will vote to increase water and sewer rates by twenty percent (20%) over the existing rate schedule. Copies of the existing rate schedule are available at the Town Hall.

Recommended by the Selectmen and the Water/Sewer Commissioners.

19. Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 41:8, 31:39 and 259:60 to adopt an Ordinance defining and regulating certain misuse of motor vehicles on public ways. (Full text of the Ordinance is printed elsewhere in this Report).

Recommended by the Selectmen and the Police Chief.

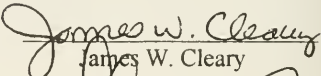
20. To see if the Town will vote to urge our representatives to the General Court of New Hampshire and the United States Congress to pass laws reforming electoral campaign financing, thus returning the political process to the will of the people and encouraging the participation of candidates with great ability and limited means. Measures to accomplish this may include, but not be limited to, the following:

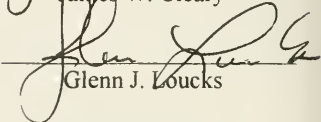
1. Sharp limitations on all forms of contributions to candidates, including soft money contributions (contributions to political parties);
2. Maximum spending limits per election linked to geographic and demographic makeup of each state and district, such as \$1.00 per voter;
3. Sharp limitations on all forms of spending to influence elections, including independent expenditures;
4. Sharp limitations on contributions to and spending by political action committees; and
5. Remedies, such as free broadcast time, postal subsidies, and democratic (public) financing, to balance inequities between credible candidates, incumbent and challenger, rich and poor.

Petitioned Warrant Article.

Given under our hands and seal this fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord
nineteen hundred and ninety-six.


Marie E. Magoon, Chairman

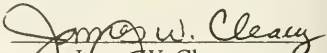

James W. Cleary

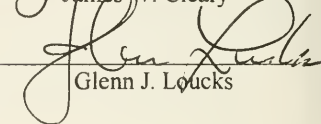

Glenn J. Loucks

Board of Selectmen
Bennington, New Hampshire

A true copy of Warrant - Attest


Marie E. Magoon, Chairman


James W. Cleary


Glenn J. Loucks

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

We have summarized for your review some of the important issues that have faced our community in 1995.

Tax Rate -

Major factors that impacted our tax rate in 1995 were:

1. Extraordinary legal expenses which we have documented in another section.
2. Re-evaluation and abatements of the Crotched Mountain Ski Area and the surrounding properties.
3. An unanticipated cost for the Landfill closure.

Positives that will reflect in next years tax bill:

1. This is the last year of our Landfill Closure Bond. The annual cost of this Bond (\$105,000) is approximately 10% of our Town budget.
2. The State has notified us that we will receive more than \$100,000 over a two-year period in partial reimbursement for Landfill Closure Costs.
3. No extraordinary legal costs are anticipated.
4. We have successfully slowed down the growth of Town spending. Our 1996 budget request is lower than last years.

Legal Issues -

As we start at 1996 the Board can report that Bennington is on its way back! With the end of 1995, the Town has closed the books on all pending litigation not covered by our insurance carrier. The impact of these exorbitant legal costs was reflected in this year's tax bills. Many of these cases were years old and none was instituted by this Board.

Here is a summary of the legal costs incurred in 1995:

Blodgett and Makechnie	\$ 32,713
Edmond Boutin	75
Drescher and Dokmo	8,750
Vincent Martina	1,287
Severance Matter	12,911
Ricupero "Harrington Triangle" ZBA Settlement	13,000
Flander's Trailer Issue	1,178
Insurance Deductibles	3,000
Bennington's Share of Dave Settlement	73,700
Davy Case Legal Fees (Rath)	11,738
Total	\$158,352

This Board, as representatives of the citizens of Bennington, offers Gertrude Davy and her family a sincere apology for the events that transpired in this case.

The Ricupero "Harrington triangle" ZBA case was settled in the fall of 1995. The absurdity of spending tens of thousands of legal dollars over a piece of property worth maybe only hundreds has come to a close.

Other legal costs included a separation matter, general legal support, Durgin Road/Merrill Drive subdivision, Flanders trailer and issues involving the Crotched Mountain Ski Area.

Crotched Mountain Ski Area -

In August of 1995, EaStar Ventures, who had taken ownership of the Crotched Mountain Ski Area notified the Town that they wouldn't be able to pay their \$18,116.28 due per the June 10, 1994 tax deferral agreement.

The Town notified EaStar that they were in default of the tax deferral agreement. We also expressed our willingness to meet with them and discuss the situation. It was our position that a new agreement could be negotiated, but only with certain safeguards to protect our taxpayers.

In two subsequent meetings with EaStar or one of its principle investors it became apparent that no new agreement could be worked out. It wasn't a question of whether EaStar or its investor group had the funds, it was a business decision on their part of not wanting to put any more of their capital into the project.

In the fall of 1995 upon the recommendation of our Town Assessor, the Board voted to lower the assessed value of the Crotched Mountain Ski properties to \$516,000.00. This was a 50% decrease in the overall assessment.

In October of 1995 the Board, after discussion with legal counsel and taking into consideration the facts at hand, voted unanimously to initiate the tax deeding process. On November 30, 1995 a Public Informational Hearing that was attended by over 100 people was held at the Great Brook Gym in Antrim.

The meeting focused on the future of the Crotched Mountain Ski Area, and whether to give EaStar Ventures a further extension of the tax deferral agreement. Peter Cordatos submitted a petition of over 168 Townspeople that supported the Board's position of protecting the Bennington taxpayers.

On February 1, 1996 it became official that the citizens of Bennington were the owners of the Bennington side of the Crotched Mountain Ski Area.

The Outlook at Crotched Mountain

While the Board had hoped that EaStar Ventures would have been successful in fulfilling the terms and conditions of the tax deferral agreement, they weren't. The outlook is bright with the Board continuing its efforts to revitalize the Ski Area with the two principle mortgage holders. The first mortgage holder is the Community Development

Finance Authority (CDFA) which has invested tens of thousands of State taxpayers money (credits) into the project. The second is locally based Monadnock Business Ventures (MBV) who, under the direction of Larry Ross, has worked tirelessly for the goal of reopening Crotched Mountain. We have pledged to support their efforts to further this very important project.

By taking the tax deed, Bennington is now in a better position to protect and potentially recover the back taxes owed on the Ski Area. Currently there are no plans to auction off the property. We believe it is in the best interests of Bennington's and State taxpayers to coordinate our efforts to re-open the Ski Area with CDFA, MBV, and the Town of Franconstown. Many positives are on the horizon.

1. CDFA commissioned a study of the Ski Area by SNO Engineering. Many of the findings in this report will assist in the sale of the Ski Area to any new investors.
2. The Board has inspected the ski lodge and found it to be in much better condition than anticipated.
3. Since February, four potential investors/groups have approached the Town for information on the Ski Area.

It has been reported in the press that one of these potential investors is Temple Mountain. The prospect of Temple and Crotched Mountain's being united under a proven Ski Area operator such as Sandy Eneguess is an exciting development! We will keep you informed on any new information regarding the Ski Area.

Town Clerk -

The Board regretted Lisa Logan's resignation, but we felt our compensation package was equitable for the office of the Town Clerk and the Bennington taxpayers. We wish Lisa the best in her future endeavors.

We want to thank Denise French, Debbie Belcher, and Elaine Emerton for all their able assistance in carrying out the duties of the office of the Town Clerk during the transition period.

Police Department -

We welcome the additions of Steve Campbell and Scott Dickinson as our new full-time Patrol Officers. Chief Brown and his men should be commended for a job well done! The spirit of community policing is a breath of fresh air and can be felt throughout Bennington. For the first time in many years our Police Department is free of lawsuits. Thank you guys!

This past fall we enjoyed participating in the "Meet Your Police Night" held at the town Hall.

There has been much public discourse on the proposed hiring of an additional part-time Officer. The Board's position is that the voters should decide this issue per Warrant

Article at Town Meeting rather than having it included as a regular budget line. We look forward to hearing your voice on this important subject.

Fire Department -

A special thanks to former chief Bruce Hall for all his years of service and dedication to our community.

In the fall Nick Collemacine was appointed Acting Chief. We want to thank Chief Nick and all our Volunteer Firemen who unselfishly serve our community.

Highway Department -

Kudos go to our Highway Department under the direction of David Blanchard. Dave and Duffy have faithfully kept our streets clear of snow, highways maintained, and have responded promptly in numerous emergency situations. Thank you. Thank you also to Tim Attridge for his work on the grounds.

Transfer Station -

We'd like to recognize Al Harding for his dedicated service to the Town. He retired in August as Manager of the Transfer Station to work full-time in his PMA Hydraulic shop, a successful local Bennington business.

Long-time Assistant, Lester Foote, Sr. was promoted to Manager and Mike Cook was hired as his Assistant. We wish to thank Joe Cuddemi, Walter "Terry" Reasa and Steve Chase for their cost effective oversight of our Transfer Station.

School Site/Funding Formula Committee -

This Committee's objectives were (1) to provide citizens with information on the pros and cons of the respective school sites, and the impact on downtown Bennington if the present Pierce School site were abandoned and (2) to organize a public informational meeting at which this information could be presented and discussed.

The Board of Selectmen felt that the issue was of such magnitude to the Town that the maximum community involvement was critical, and that it therefore should be a part of the Official Ballot.

The School Funding Formula change is the biggest single issue facing Bennington taxpayers. Please come out and VOTE YOURSELF A TAX DECREASE. It could amount to as much as a 14% reduction in the school portion of your tax bills.

Remember, you must vote YES to 50/50 Article 1 and you must vote NO to Article 2 - a vote which could substantially reduce your property tax.

A huge thank you goes to all committee members and a special thanks to Mark Tazelaar for all his input and hard work.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS ISSUE, PLEASE CALL THE TOWN HALL.

Closing -

We wish to thank Denise, Gail and Bill for their dedication, thoughtfulness and hard work for our community.

We would like to congratulate our Little League Baseball Team on its continued success - Champions for a second year! Not mentioned, but not unappreciated are all the efforts of scores of additional citizens who have worked as both staff and volunteers, often unrecognized throughout the year. To all of these people, we convey the community's thanks.

It's been an honor and a privilege to serve our Town as Selectmen and we thank you for this opportunity.

Marie, Jim, Glenn



Selectmen Glenn Loucks, Marie Magoon, Jim Cleary

THE SELECTMEN THANK

Jane Handy	Service as Selectman
Steve Chase	Cemetery repairs
Phil Traxler	
Adam Perry	
Ryan Seneschal	
William Wolfe	Land donation on Switzer Road
CM Sgt. James W. Stevens	Donated a flag which flew over the U.S. Capitol November 1995
Jim Sweeney	Christmas decorations
Tim Attridge	
Duffy Fox	
Dave Blanchard	
Victor Solod	
Nick Collemacine	
Sam Zachos	ZBA membership
Tom Carr	Planning Board membership
All Town volunteers and citizens for making Bennington a better place to live.	



BUDGET OF THE TOWN

OF _____ BENNINGTON _____ N.H.

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 19 96 to December 31, 19 96 or for Fiscal Year

From _____ 19 ____ to _____ 19 ____

IMPORTANT: Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list **the entire budget** in the appropriate recommended or not recommended area.
This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address above.

Date February 15, 1996

Maria C. Magoon
James W. Gleason
John R. L...
SELECTMEN (PLEASE SIGN IN INK)

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)		W.A. No.	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (Recommended)
Acct. No.	GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
4130	Executive		56,059	57,068	59,321
4140	Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics		6,590	7,356	10,338
4150	Financial Administration		39,440	42,079	40,653
4152	Revaluation of Property				
4153	Legal Expense		22,500	139,830	29,000
4155	Personnel Administration		57,695	54,730	56,313
4191	Planning and Zoning		3,910	2,648	3,950
4194	General Government Building		12,175	11,056	9,600
4195	Cemeteries		2,505	4,646	4,005
4196	Insurance		17,000	18,234	24,200
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations				
4199	Other General Government (Contingency)		3,000	3,139	3,000
	PUBLIC SAFETY				
4210	Police		85,004	92,752	98,996
4215	Ambulance		3,000	3,000	3,000
4220	Fire		29,307	24,317	30,627
4240	Bldg. Inspection		750	750	750
4290	Emergency Mgt.				
4299	Other Public Safety (including Communications)				
	HIGHWAYS AND STREETS				
4312	Highways and Streets		115,656	105,126	121,108
4313	Bridges				
4316	Street Lighting		11,300	11,116	11,865
	SANITATION				
4323	Solid Waste Collection		47,269	38,830	45,220
4324	Solid Waste Disposal				
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		17,600	16,090	20,800
	WATER DISTRIBUTION AND TREATMENT				
4332	Water Services		42,800	32,848	41,150
4335	Water Treatment				
	HEALTH				
4414	Pest Control (Animal Control)		800	588	800
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals		5,237	5,229	5,237
	Adm.		800	610	845
	WELFARE				
4442	Direct Assistance		7,855	2,153	3,500
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments			455	455
4445	Vendor Payments			3,217	4,600
	Adm.		1,353	1,308	1,443
	Adm.				300
	Sub-Totals (carry to top of page 3)		(589,605)	(679,175)	(631,076)

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 31:4)	W.A. No.	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved By DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FISCAL YEAR (Recommended)
	Sub-Totals (from page 2)		(589,605)	(679,175)	(631,076)
	CULTURE AND RECREATION				
4520	Parks and Recreation		10,000	8,332	10,000
4550	Library		29,000	28,691	30,890
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1,800	650	1,700
4589	Other Culture and Recreation				
	CONSERVATION				
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources				
4619	Other Conservation		500	45	500
	REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING				
	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT				
	DEBT SERVICE				
4711	Princ.-Long Term Bonds & Notes		43,050	43,050	43,050
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		30,137	30,108	27,005
4723	Interest on TAN		10,000	13,738	13,790
	Closure Bond (Prin. & Int.)		121,180	121,180	110,460
	CAPITAL OUTLAY				
4901	Land and Improvements				
4902	Mach., Veh., & Equip.				
4903	Buildings				
4909	Improvements Other Than Buildings				
	(See List)		66,817	73,524	73,028
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT				
4912	To Special Revenue Fund				
4913	To Capital Projects Fund				
4914	To Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer -				
	Water -				
	Electric -				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		86,300	86,300	43,000
4916	To Trust and Agency Funds				
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		988,389	1,084,793	984,499
HELP! We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item of appropriation which is made up of appropriations from more than one (1) warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.					
Acct.	W.A.	Amt.	Acct.	W.A.	Amt.
** Amounts Not Recommended by Selectmen ** These amounts are not included in the recommended column.					
Warrant Article #	\$ Amount		Warrant Article #	\$ Amount	

SOURCE OF REVENUE		W.A. No.	*ESTIMATED REVENUE Prior Year (omit cents)	ACTUAL REVENUE Prior Year (omit cents)	ESTIMATED REVENUE Ensuing Fiscal Year (omit cents)
A acct. No.	TAXES				
3120	Land Use Change Taxes			250	
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Yield Taxes		3,000	5,168	3,000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes (Crotched Mt.)		36,200		
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		70,000	58,387	60,000
	Inventory Penalties				
	LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES				
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		500	603	600
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		90,000	103,293	105,000
3230	Building Permits		400	455	400
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		3,500	3,631	3,500
	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
3319	Other VA: COPS		10,000	10,000	10,000
	FROM STATE				
3351	Shared Revenue		117,000	120,528	120,500
3353	Highway Block Grant		24,560	25,850	25,850
3354	Water Pollution Grants		26,199	24,960	25,000
3355	Housing and Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax) Recycling		50	1,411	50
	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT				
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues (Landfill)			9,649	
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES				
3401	Income from Departments		2,000	1,480	1,500
3409	Other Charges				
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES				
3501	Sales of Municipal Property Ins. Div.		5,600	7,893	6,000
3502	Interest on Investments		4,500	9,245	10,000
3509	Other Donation MDM		82,000	80,250	82,000
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN				
3912	Special Revenue Fund				
3913	Capital Projects Fund				
3914	Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer -		18,500	18,175	22,000
	Water -		35,500	34,558	42,000
	Electric -				
3915	Capital Reserve Fund				
3916	Trust and Agency Funds (Fines, Forfeits)		2,000	10,527	10,500
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		7,000	5,285	7,000
3934	Proc. from Long Term Notes & Bonds				
	General Fund Balance	For Municipal Use			
	Unreserved Fund Balance	\$	xxx	xxx	xxx
	Fund Balance Voted From Surplus	< \$ >			
	Fund Balance to be Retained	< \$ >	xxx	xxx	xxx
	Fund Balance Remaining to Reduce Taxes	\$			
	TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS		538,509	548,975	554,900

*Enter in this column the numbers which were revised and approved by DRA and which appear on the MS-4 form.

Total Appropriations _____

Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues, Exclusive of Property Taxes _____

Amount of Taxes to be Raised (Exclusive of School and County Taxes) _____

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF _____, N.H.

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January 16, 1996

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To the Board of Selectmen
Town of Bennington, New Hampshire

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire as of and for the year ended December 31, 1995, and have issued our report thereon dated January 16, 1996.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1995, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

The management of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

For the purpose of this report, we have classified the significant internal control structure policies and procedures in the following categories:

ACCOUNTING APPLICATIONS

- Budget
- Cash and investments
- Revenue and receivables
- Expenditures for goods and services
and accounts payable
- Payroll and related liabilities
- Debt and debt service expenditures

For all of the internal control structure categories listed above, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of management and the Board of Selectmen. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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Board of Selectmen
Town of Bennington, New Hampshire

We have compiled the financial statements of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 1995 included in the accompanying Form F-65 (MS-5), in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Our compilation was limited to presenting in the form prescribed by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration, information that is the representation of Town Officials. We have not audited or reviewed the financial statements referred to above and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

The financial report, Form F-65 (MS-5), is presented in accordance with the requirements of the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration which differ from generally accepted accounting principles. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such differences.

Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC

January 16, 1996

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION



ANNUAL CITY/TOWN
FINANCIAL REPORT
R.S.A. CHAPTER 21-J

NEW HAMPSHIRE
BENNINGTON TOWN
CITY OF SELECTION
GENERAL DELIVERY

BENNINGTON, NH 03442-9999

(Please correct any error in name, address, and ZIP Code)

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FORM TO

State of New Hampshire
Department of Revenue Administration
Municipal Services Division
PO Box 1122
Concord, NH 03302-1122
Telephone: (603) 271-3397

Part I GENERAL FUND - Revenues and expenditures for the period - Specify -
January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995
OR
July 1, 199_ to June 30, 199_

A. REVENUES - Modified Accrual		Account No. (a)	Amount (b)
1. Revenues from taxes			
a. Property taxes (commitment less overlay Plus C line 6, page 11)		3110	\$ 2,144,855
b. Exhibit - taxes paid to school districts (Total on line 16c, page 7)		4933	1,565,395
c. Land use charge taxes		3120	250
d. Resident taxes		3180	
e. Yield taxes		3185	5,168
f. Payments in lieu of taxes		3186	
g. Other taxes (Explain on separate schedule)		3189	
h. Interest and penalties on delinquent taxes		3190	58,387
i. TOTAL (Excluding line 1b)			\$ 2,208,660
2. TOTAL revenues for education purposes (This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)			
3. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees			
a. Business licenses and permits		3210	603
b. Motor vehicle permit fees		3220	103,293
c. Building permits		3230	455
d. Other licenses, permits, and fees		3290	3,631
e. TOTAL			\$ 107,982

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

A. REVENUES – Modified Accrual (Continued)		Account No.	Amount
		(a)	(b)
4. Revenue from the federal government			
a. Housing and urban renewal (HUD)	3311	B50 \$	
		B89	
b. Environmental protection	3312		
c. Other federal grants and reimbursements – Specify – Police COPS Fast grant – \$13,742 Veterans grant – \$3,576 Energy grant – \$59	3319	B89	17,377
d. TOTAL		\$	17,377
5. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire		C30	
a. Shared revenue block grant	3351	\$	120,528
		C48	
b. Highway block grant	3353		25,850
		C91	
c. Water pollution grants	3354		24,960
		C50	
d. Housing and community development	3355		
		C89	
e. State and federal forest land reimbursement	3356		
		C89	
f. Flood control reimbursement	3357		
g. Other state grants and reimbursements – Specify – Recycling grant	3359	C	1,411
h. TOTAL		\$	172,749
6. Revenue from other governments		D	
Intergovernmental revenue – Other	3379	\$	9,649
7. Revenue from charges for services (Exclude interfund transfers)		A89	
a. Income from departments	3401	\$	1,480
		A91	
b. Water supply system charges	3402		34,558
		A80	
c. Sewer user charges	3403		18,175
		A81	
d. Garbage–refuse charges	3404		
		A89	
e. Other Charges – Landfill/Recycling fees	3409		80,250
f. TOTAL		\$	134,463
Remarks			

Part 1 GENERAL FUND (Continued)		
A. REVENUES – Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No. (a)	Amount (b)
8. Revenue from miscellaneous sources		
a. Special assessments	3500	U01 \$ 10,000
b. Sale of municipal property	3501	U11
c. Interest on investments	3502	U20 9,245
d. Rents of property	3503	U40
e. Fines and forfeits	3504	U99 10,527
f. Insurance dividends and reimbursements	3506	U99 7,893
g. Contributions and donations	3508	U99
h. Other miscellaneous sources not otherwise classified	3509	U99 5,285
i. TOTAL		\$ 42,950
9. Interfund operating transfers in		
a. Transfers from special revenue fund	3912	\$
b. Transfers from capital projects fund	3913	
c. Transfers from proprietary funds	3914	
d. Transfers from capital reserve fund	3915	120,039
e. Transfers from trust and agency funds	3916	1,961
f. TOTAL		\$ 122,000
10. Other financial sources		
a. Proceeds from long-term notes and general obligation bonds	3934	\$
b. Proceeds from all other bonds	3935	
c. Other long-term financial sources	3939	
d. TOTAL		\$
11. TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES		\$ 2,815,830
12. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (Beginning of year) (Should equal line B.2d, column b, page 8)		\$ 144,091
13. TOTAL OF LINES 11 AND 12 (Should equal line 19, page 7)		\$ 2,959,921
Remarks		
PLEASE CONTINUE WITH PART I, SECTION B, ITEM 1, ON PAGE 4		

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

A. EXPENDITURES – Modified Accrual	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
1. General government				
a. Executive	4130	E29 \$ 56,750	G29 \$	F29 \$
b. Election, registration and vital statistics	4140	E89 7,219	G89	F89
c. Financial administration	4150	E23 42,807	G23	F23
d. Revaluation of property	4152	E23 9,306	G23 9,306	F23
e. Legal expense	4153	E25 161,720	G25	F25
f. Personnel administration	4155	E29 54,730	G29	F29
g. Planning and zoning	4191	E29 2,588	G29	F29
h. General government building	4194	E31 12,718	G31	F31 1,700
i. Cemeteries	4195	E89 4,645	G89	F89
j. Insurance not otherwise allocated	4196	E89 18,234	G89	F89
k. Advertising and regional association	4197	E89	G89	F89
l. Other general government	4199	E89 3,139	G89	F89
m. TOTAL		\$ 373,856	\$ 9,306	\$ 1,700
2. Public safety		E62	G62	F62
a. Police	4210	E32 \$ 124,348	G32 \$ 24,404	F32
b. Ambulance	4215	E24 3,000	G24	F24
c. Fire	4220	E66 34,867	G66 11,435	F66
d. Building inspection	4240	E89 750	G89	F89
e. Emergency management	4290	E89	G89	F89
f. Other public safety (including communications)	4299	E89	G89	F89
g. TOTAL		\$ 162,965	\$ 35,839	\$
3. Highways and streets				
a. Administration	4311	\$	\$	\$
b. Highways and streets	4312	155,399	50,399	
c. Bridges	4313			
d. Street lighting	4316	11,116		
e. Other highway, streets, and bridges	4319			
f. TOTAL		E44 \$ 166,515	G44 \$ 50,399	F44 \$

PLEASE CONTINUE WITH PART I, SECTION B, ITEM 4, ON PAGE 5

Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)				
A. EXPENDITURES – Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
4. Sanitation				
a. Administration	4321	E80 \$ 18,315	G80 \$	F80 \$
b. Solid waste collection	4323	E81	G81	F81
c. Solid waste disposal	4324	E81 18,638	G81	F81
d. Solid waste clean-up	4325	E81 17,401	G81	F81
e. Sewage collection and disposal	4326	E80 16,089	G80	F80
f. Other sanitation	4329	E80 1,549	G80	F80
g. TOTAL		\$ 71,992	\$	\$
5. Water distribution and treatment				
a. Administration	4331	\$ 15,713	\$	\$
b. Water services	4332	45,962	12,394	
c. Water treatment	4335	1,186		
d. Water conservation	4338			
e. Other water	4339			
f. TOTAL		E91 \$ 62,861	G91 \$ 12,394	F91 \$
6. Health				
a. Administration	4411	\$ 610	\$	\$
b. Pest control	4414	588		
c. Health agencies and hospitals	4415	5,229		
d. Other health	4419			
e. TOTAL		E32 \$ 6,427	G32 \$	F32 \$
7. TOTAL expenditures for education purposes (This entry should be used by the few municipalities which have dependent school districts only)		\$	\$	\$
8. Welfare		E79	G79	F79
a. Administration	4441	\$ 1,308	\$	\$
b. Direct assistance	4442	E87 2,153		
c. Intergovernmental welfare payments	4444	M79 455		
d. Vendor payments	4445	E75 3,216		
e. Other welfare	4449	E79	G79	F79
f. TOTAL		\$ 7,132	\$	\$

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Part I GENERAL FUND (Continued)

A. EXPENDITURES – Modified Accrual (Continued)				
	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
9. Culture and recreation				
a. Parks and recreation	4520	E 61 \$ 8,330	G 61 \$	F 61 \$
b. Library	4550	E 62 22,817	G 62	F 62
c. Patriotic purposes	4583	E 61 650	G 61	F 61
d. Other culture and recreation	4589	E 61	G 61	F 61
e. TOTAL		\$ 31,797	\$	\$
10. Conservation				
a. Administration	4611	\$ 45	\$	\$
b. Purchase of natural resources	4612			
c. Other conservation	4619			
b. TOTAL		E 59 \$ 45	G 59 \$	F 59 \$
11. Redevelopment and housing				
a. Administration	4631	\$	\$	\$
b. Redevelopment and housing	4632			
c. TOTAL		E 50 \$	G 50 \$	F 50 \$
12. Economic development				
a. Administration	4651	\$	\$	\$
b. Economic development	4652			
c. Other economic development	4659			
d. TOTAL		E 69 \$	G 69 \$	F 69 \$
13. Debt service				
a. Principal long term bonds and notes	4711	\$ 153,050	\$	\$
b. Interest on long term bonds and notes	4721	I 69 41,287		
c. Interest on tax and revenue anticipation notes	4723	I 69 13,738		
d. Other debt service charges	4790	E 23		
e. TOTAL		\$ 208,075	\$	\$
14. Capital outlay				
a. Land and improvements	4901	G \$	\$	\$
b. Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	4902	G		
c. Buildings	4903	F		
d. Improvements other than buildings	4909	F		
e. TOTAL		\$	\$	\$

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GENERAL FUND (Continued)				
A. EXPENDITURES – Modified Accrual (Continued)	Account No. (a)	Total expenditure (b)	Equipment and land purchases (c)	Construction (d)
15. Interfund operating transfers out				
a. Transfers to special revenue funds	4912	\$ 9,684	\$	\$
b. Transfers to capital projects funds	4913			
c. Transfers to proprietary funds	4914			
d. Transfers to capital reserve funds	4915	84,300		
e. Transfers to trust and agency funds	4916			
f. TOTAL		\$ 93,984	\$	\$
16. Payments to other governments (Assessed Amount)				
a. Taxes paid to county	4931	\$ 114,746	\$	\$
b. Taxes paid to precincts/village districts	4932			
c. Taxes paid to school districts	4933	1,565,395		
d. Payments to other governments	4939			
e. TOTAL		\$ 1,680,141	\$	\$
17. TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 2,865,790	\$ 107,938	\$ 1,700
18. TOTAL FUND EQUITY (End of year) (Should equal line B2d, column c, on page 8 and line A13 less line B17, on page 3)		\$ 94,131		
19. TOTAL OF LINES 17 AND 18 (Should equal line 13 on page 3)		\$ 2,959,921		

This area may be used to provide the detail requested whenever "Explain" or "Specify" is found. If additional space is needed, please go to page 12.

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Part B GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET – Please specify the period –			
As of December 31, 1995 OR June 30, 199__			
A. ASSETS	Account number (a)	Beginning of year (b)	End of year (c)
1. Current assets			
a. Cash and equivalents	1010	\$ 291,225	\$ 266,133
b. Investments	1030		
c. Taxes receivable, net (See worksheet, page 11)	1080	238,642	259,656
d. Tax liens receivable, net (See worksheet, page 11)	1110	210,710	185,094
e. Accounts receivable	1150	158,472	179,526
f. Due from other governments	1260	8,623	6,704
g. Due from other funds	1310		14,699
h. Other current assets	1400		
i. TOTAL ASSETS (Should equal line B3)		\$ 907,672	\$ 911,812
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
1. Current liabilities			
a. Warrants and accounts payable	2020	\$ 13,491	\$ 21,840
b. Compensated absences payable	2030		
c. Contracts payable	2050		
d. Due to other governments	2070	155	149
e. Due to school districts	2075	583,132	613,967
f. Due to other funds	2080		
g. Deferred revenue	2220	166,803	181,725
h. Notes payable – Current	2230		
i. Bonds payable – Current	2250		
j. Other payables	2270		
k. TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$ 763,581	\$ 817,681
2. Fund equity			
a. Reserve for encumbrances (Please detail on page 12)	2440	\$	\$
b. Reserve for special purposes (Please detail on page 12)	2490	2,564	1,156
c. Unreserved fund balance	2530	141,527	92,975
d. TOTAL FUND EQUITY		\$ 144,091	\$ 94,131
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY (Should equal line A1)		\$ 907,672	\$ 911,812

GENERAL FUND

	Account number (a)	Beginning of year		End of year	
		Debit (b)	Credit (c)	Debit (d)	Credit (e)
A. FIXED ASSET GROUP OF ACCOUNTS (Please specify date)					
As of December 31, 1995 OR June 30, 199__					
1. Land and improvements	1610				
2. Buildings	1620				
3. Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	1640				
4. Construction in progress	1650				
5. Improvements other than buildings	1660				
6. Tax deeded property	1670				
7. Investment in general fixed assets	2800				
8. TOTAL		\$	\$	\$	\$
B. LONG – TERM DEBT GROUP OF ACCOUNTS (Please specify date)					
As of December 31, 1995 OR June 30, 199__					
1. Bond proceeds not used	1810	\$		\$	
2. Amount to be provided for the retirement of long – term debt	1820		784,919	651,307	
3. Notes and bonds payable – Long – term	2310		700,900		547,850
4. Other long – term liabilities	2390		84,019		103,457
5. TOTAL		\$	784,919	\$ 784,919	\$ 651,307

Part II GENERAL FUND (Continued)

C. AMORTIZATION OF LONG-TERM DEBT (Please specify date)

As of December 31, 1995 OR June 30, 199__		Purpose (a)	Annual installment (b)	Interest rate (c)	Date of final payment (d)	Bonds o/s at beginning of year (e)	Bonds issued this year (f)	Bonds retired this year (g)	Bonds o/s at end of year (h)
Description of general obligation bonds (Please also list total original obligation)									
1.	\$352,400 - 1981	Water	\$Variable	5.00%	Nov. 2010	\$ 236,400	\$	12,000	\$ 224,400
2.	\$28,234 - 1984	Sewer	1,300	5.00%	Oct. 2004	14,300		1,300	13,000
3.	\$260,680 - 1985	Sewer	10,000 - 15,000 4,740 -	7.6 - 8.8%	Feb. 2005	125,000		15,000	110,000
4.	\$128,200 - 1986	Sewer	4,750	6.625%	Feb. 2013	90,200		4,750	85,450
5.	\$110,000 - 1986	Highway	10,000	6.6 - 7.75%	July 1996	20,000		10,000	10,000
6.	\$335,591 - 1993	Landfill Closure	Variable	5.20%	Aug. 1996	215,000		110,000	105,000
7.									
8.	TOTAL					\$ 700,900	\$	153,050	\$ 547,850

D. PLEASE LIST THE ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS TO AMORTIZE ALL GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT AS OF (Enter date) December 31, 1995 FOR THE ENSUING FIVE YEARS

Year (a)	Principal (b)	Interest (c)	Total (d)
1996	\$ 148,050	\$ 32,464	\$ 180,514
1997	33,050	23,926	56,976
1998	28,050	21,898	49,948
1999	28,050	19,985	48,035
2000	28,050	18,110	46,160
6. SUBTOTAL (Sum of lines 1-5)	265,250	116,383	381,633
7. Remaining periods of debt	282,600	83,904	366,504
8. TOTAL (Sum of lines 6 and 7)	\$ 547,850	\$ 200,287	\$ 748,137

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Part V RECONCILIATIONS

A. RECONCILIATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT LIABILITY		Amount
1. School district liability at beginning of year (Account number 2075, column b, on page 8)	\$	583,132
2. ADD: School district assessment for current year (Should equal line B16c, Account number 4933, on page 7)		1,565,395
3. TOTAL LIABILITY WITHIN CURRENT YEAR (Sum of lines 1 and 2)		2,148,527
4. SUBTRACT: Payments made to school district	(	1,534,560)
5. School district liability at end of year (lines 3 less line 4) (Account number 2075, column c, on page 8)		613,967
B. RECONCILIATION OF TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES		Amount
1. Short-term (TANS) debt at beginning of year	61V \$	- 0 -
2. ADD: New issues during current year		500,000
3. SUBTRACT: Issues retired during current year	(	500,000)
4. Short-term (TANS) debt outstanding at end of year (Lines 1 + 2 - 3) (Be sure to include (TANS) in Account number 2230, column c, page 8)	64V	- 0 -

PLEASE REFER TO THE INSTRUCTIONS TO COMPLETE SECTIONS C AND D

C. ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS WORKSHEET		Current year (a)	Prior year (b)	TOTAL (c)
1. Overlay/Allowance for Abatements (Beginning of year)*		19,604	11,329	30,933
2. SUBTRACT: Abatements made and tax deeded properties	(	6,942)	(31,733)	(38,675)
3. SUBTRACT: Discounts	()	()	()
4. SUBTRACT: Refunds (Cash abatements)	(	3,368)	()	(3,368)
5. ESTIMATED ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS AT END OF YEAR**	(	)	( 11,329)	(11,329)
6. Excess of estimate (Add to page 1, line 1a)		9,294	(31,733)	(22,439)

*Overlay amount for current year column and last year's balance of line 5, Allowance for Abatements for column b.

**This amount will go into line 1 for next year's worksheet.

D. TAXES/LIENS RECEIVABLE WORKSHEET		1080 taxes (a)	1110 liens (b)	TOTALS (c)
1. Uncollected, end of year	\$	259,656	\$ 196,423	\$ 456,079
2. SUBTRACT: *Overlay* carried forward as Allowance for Abatements (from Worksheet C, line 5)	(	)	( 11,329)	(11,329)
3. Receivable, end of year		259,656	185,094	444,750

(TOTAL amount is entered on page 8, account number 1080 and 1110, column c)

This page may be used to provide the detail requested whenever "Explain" or "Specify" is found. If additional space is needed, please add extra pages using the following format. Please show the detail and the total for each.

Account number	Item	Amount
(a)	(b)	(c)

Please Detail Reserves from page 8 (Balance Sheet).

Account number	Description	Year voted	Warrant article number
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)
2490	Reserve for special purposes:		
	Household hazardous waste \$1,156	N/A	N/A

Part VI SUMMARY OF REVENUES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS -- Please specify the period -- January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995 OR July 1, 199__ to June 30, 199__					
	Capital projects		Special revenue	Proprietary funds	
	(a)	(b)		Enterprise (c)	Internal service (d)
REVENUE (BY SOURCE)					
1. Revenue from taxes	T01 \$	T01 \$		T01 \$	\$
2. Revenue from licenses, permits, and fees	T99	T99		T99	
3. Revenue from the federal government	B89	B89		B89	
4. Revenue from the State of New Hampshire	C89	C89		C89	
5. Revenue from other governments	D89	D89		D89	
6. Revenue from charges for services				A91	
(a) Water supply system charges					
(b) Sewer user charges				A80	
(c) Garbage/refuse collection charges				A81	
(d) Other -- Specify --					
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
7. Revenue from miscellaneous sources	U20	U20		U20	U20
(a) Interest on investments			182		
(b) Other miscellaneous sources			4,904		
8. Interfund operating transfers in			9,000		
9. Other financial sources					
10. TOTAL REVENUE AND OTHER SOURCES	\$	\$	14,086	\$	\$

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES FOR ALL OTHER FUNDS - Please specify the period -

January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1995 OR July 1, 199_ to June 30, 199__

	Capital projects		Special revenue		Enterprise		Proprietary funds	
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
EXPENDITURES (BY FUNCTIONS)								
1. General government	F89 \$	E89 \$	E89 \$	E89 \$				
2. Public safety	F89	E89	E89	E89				
3. Sanitation	F80	E80	E80	E80				
4. Water distribution and treatment	F91		E91	E91				
5. Health	F32	E32	E32	E32				
6. Welfare	F79	E79	E79	E79				
7. Culture and recreation	F61	E61	E61	E61				
8. Conservation	F59	E59	E59	E59				
9. Redevelopment and housing	F50	E50	E50	E50				
10. Economic development	F89	E89	E89	E89				
11. Debt service								
12. Capital outlay	F89	F89	2,442	F89			F89	
13. Interfund operating transfers out								
14. Payments to other governments								
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	\$	15,160	\$			\$	
Remarks								

Part VIII BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS -- Please specify the period --

As of December 31, 1995 OR June 30, 199__

	Account No. (a)	Capital projects (b)	Special revenue (c)	Proprietary funds	
				Enterprise (d)	Internal service (e)
A. ASSETS					
1. Current assets					
(a) Cash and equivalents	1010 \$		\$ 4,605	\$	\$
(b) Investments	1030				
(c) Accounts receivable	1150				
(d) Due from other governments	1260				
(e) Due from other funds	1310				
(f) Other -Specify --					
2. Fixed assets					
(a) Land and improvements	1610 \$		\$	\$	\$
(b) Buildings	1620				
(c) Machinery, vehicles, and equipment	1640				
(d) Construction in progress	1650				
(e) Improvements other than buildings	1660				
(f) Other -Specify --					
3. TOTAL ASSETS	\$	\$	\$ 4,605	\$	\$

Part VIII BALANCE SHEET FOR SUMMARY OF ALL OTHER FUNDS (Continued) – Please specify the period –

As of December 31, 1995 OR June 30, 199__

	Account No. (a)	Capital projects (b)	Special revenue (c)	Proprietary funds	
				Enterprise (d)	Internal service (e)
B. LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
1. Liabilities					
(a) Warrants and accounts payable	2020 \$		\$		\$
(b) Compensated absences payable	2030				
(c) Contracts payable	2050				
(d) Due to other governments	2070				
(e) Due to other funds	2080				
(f) Deferred revenue	2220				
(g) Notes and bonds payable					
(h) Other <i>Specify –</i>					
(i) TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$		\$	\$	\$
2. Fund equity/Capital					
(a) Reserve for encumbrances	2440 \$		\$		
(b) Reserve for special purposes	2490				
(c) Unreserved fund balance	2530		4,605		
(d) Municipal contributed capital	2610				
(e) Other contributed capital	2620				
(f) Retained earnings	2790				
(g) TOTAL FUND EQUITY			4,605		
3. TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$	\$	\$ 4,605	\$	\$

Part IX SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION WORKSHEET					
The data requested below should be included in parts I-IV. By supplying this information you will not be asked to complete Census Bureau forms F21 or F22.					
A. ALL FUNDS (ADDITIONAL)					
Revenue	Account No. (e)	TOTAL (d)	Equipment and land (c)	Construction (d)	
Parks and recreation	3409	A81 \$			
Parking	3409	A80			
Electric power system		A92			
Transit or bus system		A94			
Expenditure		E80	G80	F80	
Parking	3409	\$			
Vital statistics	4140	E32	G32	F32	
Other hospitals - payments to hospitals operated privately	4415	E38	G38	F38	
Money paid DIRECTLY to needy persons NOT covered by Federal programs (general relief, home relief, poor relief, etc.)	4442	E88			
		2,153			
Electric power system		E92	G92	F92	
		E94	G94	F94	
Transit or bus system					
B. INTERGOVERNMENTAL EXPENDITURES					
Report payments made to the State or other local governments ON REIMBURSEMENT OR COST-SHARING BASIS. Do not include these expenditures in part VI.					
Purpose (e)	Account No. (b)	Amount paid to other local governments (c)			
Schools		M12 \$			
Sewers		M80			
All other - County	4931	M89			
All other - Towns	4199	M89			
Purpose (e)	Account No. (b)	Amount paid to the State (c)			
Highways	4319	L44			
All other purposes	4199	L89			
C. DEBT OUTSTANDING, ISSUED, AND RETIRED					
Long-term debt purpose (e)	Bonds outstanding at the beginning of this fiscal year (b)	Bonds during this fiscal year		Outstanding at the end of this fiscal year	
		Issued (c)	Retired (d)	General obligations (e)	Revenue bonds (f)
Water-sewer utility	19A 465,900	29A	39A 33,050	41A 432,850	44A
Industrial revenue	19T	29T	39T		44T
All other debt	19X 235,000	29X	39X 120,000	41X 115,000	44X
Education	19H	29F	39F	41F	44F
Interest on water debt	19I				

Part IX SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION WORKSHEET (Continued)

D. SALARIES AND WAGES

Report here the total salaries and wages paid to all employees of your city before deductions for social security, retirement, etc. Include also salaries and wages paid to employees of any utility owned and operated by your government, as well as salaries and wages of city employees charged to construction projects. These amounts may be taken from the W3 form filed by your government for the year ended December 31.

Total wages paid
Z00
\$257,309

E. CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD AT END OF FISCAL YEAR

Report separately for each of the three types of funds listed below, the total amount of cash on hand and on deposit and investments in Federal Government, Federal agency, State and local government, and non-governmental securities. Report all investments at par value. Include in the sinking fund total any mortgages and notes receivable held as offsets to housing and industrial financing loans. Exclude accounts receivable, value of real property, and all non-security assets.

Type of fund (a)	Amount at end of fiscal year Omit cents (b)
Bond funds -- Unexpended proceeds from sale of bond issues held pending disbursement	W31
	W61
All other funds except employee retirement funds	\$574,329
CENSUS USE ONLY	W01

Part X CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Signatures of a majority of the governing body:

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Three copies of this report are sent to each municipality. Selectmen, treasurer and tax collector are expected to cooperate in making out this report. When completed, one copy should be returned to the Department of Revenue Administration and one copy should be placed in your municipal records. The third copy is for use in preparing the annual printed report for the voters.

Please be sure you have completed Part IX, items A-E.

WHEN TO FILE: (R.S.A. 21-J)

* For cities/towns reporting on a calendar year basis, this report must be filed on or before April 1.

* For cities/towns reporting on an optional fiscal year basis (year ending June 30), this report must be filed on or before September 1.

WHERE TO FILE

Department of Revenue Administration
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Municipal Services Division
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Concord, NH 03302-1122

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STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATION

VOTED BY THE

CITY/TOWN OF Bennington IN Hillsborough COUNTY

Mailing Address: 7 School St., Unit 101

Bennington, N.H. 03442

March 18, 1995

(Date of Meeting)

Date March 29, 1995

Phone # 588-2189

FAX # 588-8005

James W. Cleary
James W. Cleary
 (Please Sign in Ink)

Selectmen of Bennington, N.H.
 (Governing Body)

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34.

PENALTY: FAILURE TO FILE WITHIN 20 DAYS AFTER EACH MEETING AT WHICH APPROPRIATIONS WERE VOTED MAY RESULT IN \$5.00 PER DAY PENALTY FOR EACH DAY'S DELAY. RSA 21-J:36.

(Rev. 1995)

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Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 32:3,V)	Warrant Article #	For Use By Municipality (omit cents)	Reserved For Use By Dept. Of Revenue
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
4130	Executive		56,059	
4140	Election, Registration, & Vital Statistics		6,590	
4150	Financial Administration		38,440	
4152	Revaluation of Property			
4153	Legal Expense		22,500	
4155	Personnel Administration		57,695	
4191	Planning and Zoning		3,910	
4194	General Government Building		12,175	
4195	Cemeteries		2,505	
4196	Insurance		17,000	
4197	Advertising and Regional Associations			
4199	Other General Government (Contingency)		3,000	
	PUBLIC SAFETY			
4210	Police		85,004	
4215	Ambulance		3,000	
4220	Fire		29,307	
4240	Bldg. Inspection		750	
4290	Emergency Management			
4299	Other Public Safety (Including Communications)			
	HIGHWAYS AND STREETS			
4312	Highways and Streets		115,656	
4313	Bridges			
4316	Street Lighting		11,300	
	SANITATION			
4323	Solid Waste Collection		47,269	
4324	Solid Waste Disposal			
4326	Sewage Collection and Disposal		17,600	
	WATER DISTRIBUTION AND TREATMENT			
4332	Water Services		42,800	
4335	Water Treatment			
	HEALTH			
4414	Pest Control (Animal Control)		800	
4415	Health Agencies and Hospitals		5,237	
			800	
	WELFARE			
4442	Direct Assistance		7,855	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Payments			
4445	Vendor Payments			
	Adm.		1,353	
	Sub-Totals (carry to top of page 3)		589,605	

Acct. No.	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION (RSA 32:3,V)	Warrant Article #	For Use By Municipality (omit cents)	Reserved For Use By Dept. Of Revenue
	Sub-Totals (from page 2)		589,605	
	CULTURE AND RECREATION			
4520	Parks and Recreation		10,000	
4550	Library		29,000	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		1,800	
4589	Other Culture and Recreation			
	CONSERVATION			
4612	Purchase of Natural Resources			
4619	Other Conservation			
	Adm.		500	
4632	REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING			
4652	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT			
	DEBT SERVICE			
4711	Princ-Long Term Bonds & Notes		43,050	
4721	Int.-Long Term Bonds & Notes		30,137	
4723	Interest on TAN		10,000	
	Closure Bond (Prin & Int.)		121,180	
	CAPITAL OUTLAY			
4901	Land and Improvements			
4902	Mach, Veh., & Equip.			
4903	Buildings			
4909	Improvements Other than Buildings			
	See Below		66,817	
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT			
4912	To Special Revenue Fund			
4913	To Capital Projects Fund			
4914	To Enterprise Fund			
	Sewer —			
	Water —			
	Electric —			
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund		86,300	
4916	To Trust and Agency Funds			
	TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		988,389	

HELP! We ask your assistance in the following: If you have a line item of appropriation which is made up of appropriations from more than one (1) warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total. We hope this will expedite the tax rate process by reducing the number of inquiries from this office.

Acct.	W.A.	Amt.
	OUTLAY	
4,332	6	12,500
4,150	7	8,300
4,210	8	24,825
4,220	9	6,300
4,312	10	1,672
4,194	11	1,995
4,324	12	6,225
4,220	22	5,000

Acct.	W.A.	Amt.
	CAPITAL RESERVE	
4,220	14	15,000
4,220	15	5,000
4,220	16	10,000
4,210	17	12,000
4,312	18	20,000
4,153	19	18,300
4,550	20	4,000
4,619	21	2,000

SOURCE OF REVENUE		Warrant Article #	For Use By Municipality (omit cents)	Reserved For Use By Dept. Of Revenue
Acct. No.	TAXES			
3120	Land Use Change Taxes			
3180	Resident Taxes			
3185	Yield Taxes		3,000	
3186	Payments in Lieu of Taxes			
3189	Other Taxes (Specify Bank Stock Tax Amt.)\$ (Crotched Mtn.)		36,200	
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		70,000	
	Inventory Penalties			
	LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			
3210	Business Licenses and Permits		500	
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		90,000	
3230	Building Permits		400	
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		3,500	
	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT (Onset Rd.)		10,000	
3319	Other			
	FROM STATE			
3351	Shared Revenue		117,000	
3353	Highway Block Grant		24,560	
3354	Water Pollution Grants		26,199	
3355	Housing and Community Development			
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement			
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement			
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		50	
	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENT			
3379	Intergovernmental Revenues			
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES			
3401	Income from Departments		2,000	
3409	Other Charges			
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES			
3501	Sale of Municipal Property (Ins. Div.)		5,600	
3502	Interest on Investments		4,500	
3509	Other (Donation)		80,000	
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			
3912	Special Revenue Fund			
3913	Capital Projects Fund			
3914	Enterprise Fund			
	Sewer —		18,500	
	Water —		35,500	
	Electric —			
3915	Capital Reserve Fund			
3916	Trust and Agency Funds		2,000	
	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		7,000	
3934	Proc. from Long Term Notes & Bonds			
General Fund Balance		For Municipal Use		
Unreserved Fund Balance		\$	XXXXX	XXXXX
Fund Balance Voted From Surplus		< \$ >		
Fund Balance to be Retained		< \$ >	XXXXX	XXXXX
Fund Balance Remaining to be Used to Reduce Taxes		\$		
TOTAL REVENUES AND CREDITS			538,509	

TOWN OF BENNINGTON

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Year Ending December 31, 1995

Beginning Balance, January 1, 1995	\$ 288,660.14
Receipts	3,414,951.83
Disbursements	<u>3,438,634.48</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 1995	\$ 264,977.49

Joyce L. Miner,
Treasurer

CONSERVATION FUND

1995

Beginning Balance, January 1, 1995	\$ 1,684.36
Interest Earned to November 22, 1995	\$ 41.70
Deposit, December 14, 1995	\$ 2,000.00
Service Fee	\$ <u>1.00</u>
Balance, November 22, 1995	\$ 3,725.06

HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

1995

Beginning Balance, January 1, 1995	\$ 882.35
Deposit, October 2, 1995	\$ 247.96
Interest Earned	\$ <u>25.55</u>
Balance, December 31, 1995	\$ 1,155.86

Town Clerk's Revenue Report
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1995

Motor Vehicle Registrations		\$102,767.00
Motor Vehicle Titles		526.00
U.C.C. & IRS Lien Filings		602.96
Marriage Licenses:	Town	70.00
	State	380.00
Certified Copies:	Town	72.00
	State	96.00
Dog Licenses:	Town	1234.50
	State	117.50
	Animal Population Control	426.00
Dog License Fines		100.00
Election Fees		14.00
Bad Check Fees		35.00
Total Revenue Collected By The Town Clerk		<hr/> \$106,440.96

I hereby certify that the above report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Logan, Town Clerk





THREE SEASONS IN BENNINGTON

The Contoocook River in January, the Curtis Homestead, North Bennington Road in autumn and the Congregational Church and Common in summer. The Selectmen removed the tree on the Common and had lights installed. David Glynn planted the shrubs and flowers.

All photos are by courtesy of Officer Steve Campbell.

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CITY/TOWN Bennington

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

TAX YEAR OF 1995 IN Hillsborough COUNTY

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. RSA 21-J:34.

James W. Pease
[Signature]
[Signature]
(Please Sign in Ink)

Selectmen of Bennington NH
Date September 13, 1995

REPORTS REQUIRED. RSA 21-J:34, as amended provides for certification of valuations, appropriations, estimated revenues and such other information as the Dept. of Revenue Administration may require upon blanks prescribed for that purpose.

Return this completed Summary Inventory form to the Dept. of Revenue Administration, P.O. Box 1122, Concord, NH 03302-1122 By September 1st.

PENALTY: FAILURE TO FILE BY SEPTEMBER 1st MAY RESULT IN \$5.00 PER DAY PENALTY FOR EACH DAY'S DELAY. (RSA 21-J:36)

NOTE: PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE INFORMATION OF PAGE 4 OF THIS REPORT.

I T E M	LAND (Item 1A, B, C, & D) - List all improved and unimproved land (include wells, septic and paving)	A C R E S	19_____ ASSESSED VALUATION	
	BUILDING (Items 2A, B, & C) - List all the buildings			
1.	VALUE OF LAND ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Items 3, 4, 5, & 6			
	A. Current Use (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79-4)	4187	\$ 353,652	X
	B. Conservation Restriction Assessment (At Current Use Values) (RSA 79.b, Eff. 5/12/90)		\$	X
	C. Residential	4192	\$ 392,599	X
	D. Commercial/Industrial	144	\$ 3,598,700	X
	E. Total of Taxable Land (A, B, C & D)	8523	XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$
	F. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$ 1,342,700)		XXXXXXXXXXXX	X
2.	VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY - Exclude Amounts Listed on Items 3, 4, 5 & 6			
	A. Residential		\$29,788,100	X
	B. Manufactured Housing as defined in RSA 674:31		\$ 6,022,300	X
	C. Commercial/Industrial		\$ 9,186,200	X
	D. Total of Taxable Buildings (A, B & C)		XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$
	E. Tax Exempt & Non-Taxable (\$)		XXXXXXXXXXXX	X
3.	PUBLIC WATER UTILITY - Privately owned water co. serving public (RSA 72:11 & 72:12)		XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$
4.	PUBLIC UTILITIES - Value of all property used in production, transmission, and distribution including production machinery, land landrights, easements, etc. Furnish breakdown by individual company in space provided on page 4 (RSA 72:12)	Gas	XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$
5.		Electric	XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$
6.		Oil Pipeline	XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$
7.	Mature Wood and Timber (RSA 79:5)		XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$
8.	VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS. (Total of 1E, 2D, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7)		XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$
9.	Blind Exemption RSA 72:37 (Number)	\$	\$	XX
10.	Elderly Exemp. RSA 72:39, 72:43-I, & 72:43-h (Number 32)	\$ 1,080,000	\$	XX
11.	Physically Handicapped Exemp. RSA 72:37-a (Number)	\$	\$	XX
12.	Totally & Permanently Disabled Exemp. RSA 72:37-b (Number)	\$	\$	XX
13.	Solar/Windpower Exemp. RSA 72:62 & 72:66 (Number)	\$	\$	XX
14.	School Din./Dormitory/Kitchen Exemp. RSA 72:23 (Number)	\$	\$	XX
15.	Water/Air Pollution Control Exemp. RSA 72:12-a (Number 1)	\$ 2,519,830	\$	XX
16.	Wood Heating Energy System Exemp. RSA 72:69 (Number)	\$	\$	XX
17.	TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF EXEMPTIONS (Items 9 to 16)		XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$
18.	NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE IS COMPUTED (Item 8 minus 17)		XXXXXXXXXXXX	\$

LIST REVENUES RECEIVED FROM PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES The amounts listed in this section should not be included in assessed valuation column above.		MUNICIPALITY	PER RSA 362-A:6 III Amount Apportioned To SCHOOL
19.	State and Federal Forest Land, Recreation, and/or Flood Control Land (MS-4, acct. 3356 & 3357)	\$	\$ XXXXXXXXXX
20.	Other - From (MS-4, acct. 3186): Town of Antrim	\$ 500	\$
21.	Other - From (MS-4, acct. 3186):	\$	\$
22.	Other - From (MS-4, acct. 3186):	\$	\$

TOTALS	For Use By Dept. of Revenues (Prior Year) (Valuation)	VILLAGE DISTRICT, SERVICE AREAS AND SCHOOL DISTRICT VALUATION Where valuation of Village Districts and/or School Districts is not identical with the town or city, identify the unit of government and/or the service areas in the columnar headings and list valuations and exemptions in the same manner as on Page 2.				I T E M
XXXXXXXXXXXX						1A
XXXXXXXXXXXX						1B
XXXXXXXXXXXX						1C
XXXXXXXXXXXX						1D
18,344,951						1E
XXXXXXXXXXXX						1F
XXXXXXXXXXXX						2A
XXXXXXXXXXXX						2B
XXXXXXXXXXXX						2C
44,996,600						2D
XXXXXXXXXXXX						2E
						3
						4
1,183,100						5
						6
						7
64,524,651						8
XXXXXXXXXXXX						9
XXXXXXXXXXXX						10
XXXXXXXXXXXX						11
XXXXXXXXXXXX						12
XXXXXXXXXXXX						13
XXXXXXXXXXXX						14
XXXXXXXXXXXX						15
XXXXXXXXXXXX						16
3,599,830						17
60,924,821						18

	TAX CREDIT	ESTIMATED TAX CREDITS	
		Limits	Number
23.	Paraplegic, double amputees owning specially adapted homesteads with V.A. assistance	Unlimited	EXEMPT
24.	Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty	\$700/\$1,400	
25.	Other war service credits	\$50/\$100	68
26.	Other credits (wood, solar, etc.)	XXXX	
27.	TOTAL NUMBER AND AMOUNT	XXXX	68
			\$ 6780

UTILITY SUMMARY

ELECTRIC, GAS, & PIPELINE COMPANY

Insert valuation of plant used in production, distribution and transmission. The total in each column should agree with the totals listed under the corresponding items on Page 2 of this report. (RSA 72:8)

NAME OF COMPANY	GAS Item 4, Page 2	ELECTRIC Item 5, Page 2	OIL, PIPELINE Item 6, Page 2
Public Service Co. of N.H.		1,183,100	
TOTAL		1,183,100	

TYPES OF ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS BEING GRANTED

Check One	Year Adopted	Check One	Year Adopted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Standard Elderly Exemption	1992	<input type="checkbox"/> Expanded Elderly Exemptions	19
<input type="checkbox"/> Adjusted Elderly Exemption	19	<input type="checkbox"/> Optional Adjusted Elderly Exemptions	19

(See Instructions)

ELDERLY EXEMPTION COUNT

Number of	at	5,000	Total Number of	at	5,000	=	
Individuals	at	10,000	Individuals	at	10,000	=	
Applying for	at	15,000	Applying for	at	15,000	=	
an Elderly	at	20,000	an Elderly	17	at	20,000	= 340,000
Exemption for	at		Exemption for	8	at	40,000	= 320,000
Current year	at		Current year	7	at	60,000	= 420,000
	at			at			=
			TOTAL				1,080,000

(Item 10, page 2 may not exceed this amount)

CURRENT USE REPORT

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION ASSESSMENT REPORTS

Section A Granted In Prior Years	Section B Granted for Current Year	Section C Totals of Sections A & B		Section D Granted In Prior Years	Section E Granted for Current Year	Section F Totals of Sections D & E
No. of Acres	No. of Acres	No. of Acres		No. of Acres	No. of Acres	No. of Acres
150.96	26	151.22	FARM LAND			
3,778.35	55.97	3,834.32	FOREST LAND			
92.92		92.92	UNPRODUCTIVE LAND			
108.65		108.65	WET LAND			
			DISCRETIONARY EASEMENTS			

4,130.88	4,187.11	
Total Number of Acres Exempted under Current Use		4,187.11
Total Number of Acres Taken Out of Current Use During Year		
Total Number of Acres Exempted under Conservation Restriction Assessment		
Total Number of Acres Receiving the 20% Recreational Assessment		
Total Number of Owners Granted Current Use Assessment		60
Total Number of Owners Granted Conservation Restriction Assessment		

DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
Municipal Services Division
Concord, N.H. 03302-1122
1995 Tax Rate Calculation

Town/City of: BENNINGTON

Tax
Rates

Appropriations	988,389
Less: Revenues	407,672
Less: Shared Revenues	19,978
Add: Overlay	19,604
War Service Credits	6,780

Net Town Appropriation	587,123
Special Adjustment	0

Approved Town/City Tax Effort	587,123
Municipal Tax Rate	9.64

-- School Portion --

Due to Local School	0
Due to Regional School	1,565,395
Less: Shared Revenues	59,099

Net School Appropriation	1,506,296
Special Adjustment	0

Approved School(s) Tax Effort	1,506,296
School(s) Tax Rate	24.72

-- County Portion --

Due to County	114,746
Less: Shared Revenues	4,514

Net County Appropriation	110,232
Special Adjustment	0

Approved County Tax Effort	110,232
County Tax Rate	1.81

Combined Tax Rate	36.17
Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,203,651

--- Commitment Analysis ---

Total Property Taxes Assessed	2,203,651
Less: War Service Credits	(6,780)
Add: Village District Commitment(s)	0

Total Property Tax Commitment	2,196,871
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-- Proof of Rate --

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
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60,924,821	36.17	2,203,651 ✓
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Treasurer:	1996 Bond Requirement	
Town Clerk:	66,000 Tax Collector:	63,000
	15,000 Trustees of Trust Funds:	48,000

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**TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX LIEN ACCOUNTS**

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1995

	TAX LIEN ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES:			
	1994	1993	1992	PRIOR
Unredeemed Liens January 1, 1995		\$158,289.21	\$123,434.83	\$75,555.60
Liens Executed 1995	\$148,608.22			
Interest & Costs Collected After Lien Execution	<u>\$2,017.46</u>	<u>\$10,529.17</u>	<u>\$23,049.75</u>	<u>\$2,700.55</u>
TOTAL DEBITS	\$150,625.68	\$168,818.38	\$146,484.58	\$78,256.15
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REMITTANCE TO TREASURER				
Redemptions	\$21,211.51	\$38,991.50	\$70,576.91	\$5,347.76
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution	\$2,017.46	\$10,529.17	\$23,049.75	\$2,700.55
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes	\$47.54			
Liens Deeded to Municipality	\$2,104.91	\$5,990.05	\$4,931.71	\$5,981.49
Unredeemed Tax Liens December 31, 1995	<u>\$125,244.26</u>	<u>\$113,307.66</u>	<u>\$47,926.21</u>	<u>\$64,226.35</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$150,625.68	\$168,818.38	\$146,484.58	\$78,256.15

Relative to the lists of all unpaid tax accounts, the lists are available for public inspection, at Town Hall, during regular office hours.

Respectfully Submitted

**TAX COLLECTOR
Denise P. French**

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1995

	1995	1994	PRIOR
UNCOLLECTED TAXES 01\01\95			
Property Taxes		\$248,755.26	\$3,760.11
Yield Taxes		\$371.97	
Annual Onset Assessment		\$1,119.72	\$617.53
Deferred Onset Assessment		\$14,670.00	
TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR			
Property Taxes	\$2,203,431.43		
Land Use Change Tax	\$250.00		
Annual Onset Assessment	\$8,201.93		
Yield Taxes	\$5,702.80		
Deferred Onset Assessmen	\$7,581.00		
OVERPAYMENT			
Property Taxes	\$3,252.12	\$7,442.22	\$1,035.04
INTEREST - DELINQUENT TAXES	<u>\$1,975.03</u>	<u>\$18,302.14</u>	
TOTAL DEBITS	\$2,230,394.31	\$290,661.31	\$5,412.68
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REMITTED TO TREASURER 1995			
Property Taxes	\$1,928,147.00	\$243,520.07	
Land Use Change Tax	\$250.00		
Yield Taxes	\$5,057.78	\$371.97	
Interest	\$1,975.03	\$18,302.14	
Annual Onset Assessment	\$4,977.11	\$1,119.72	
ABATEMENTS			
Property Taxes	\$6,942.36	\$9,127.41	\$1,035.04
Yield Taxes	\$534.94		
Current Levy Deeded		\$3,550.00	
UNCOLLECTED TAXES 12\31\95			
Property Taxes	\$271,594.19		\$3,760.11
Yield Taxes	\$110.08		
Deferred Onset Assessment	\$7,581.00	\$14,670.00	
Annual Onset Assessment	<u>\$3,224.82</u>		<u>\$617.53</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	\$2,230,394.31	\$290,661.31	\$5,412.68

Respectfully Submitted

TAX COLLECTOR
Denise P. French

WATER & SEWER FINANCIAL REPORT

Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1995

Unpaid Balance January 1, 1995 \$4,850.44

Charges:

Water Usage	\$33,128.75
Water Interest	\$115.56
Shut-off Notice Fees	\$169.50
Sewer Usage	\$18,098.01
Sewer Interest	<u>\$46.90</u>

TOTAL CHARGES + \$51,558.72
\$56,409.16

Abatements Granted

Water	\$121.70
Sewer	<u>\$6.42</u>

TOTAL ABATEMENTS - **\$128.12**

Receipts To Treasurer - \$52,653.58

**Unpaid Water/Sewer At
December 31, 1995** **\$3,627.46**

A list of unpaid accounts is available for public inspection, at Town Hall during regular office hours.

Respectfully Submitted

**TAX COLLECTOR
Denise P. French**

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1995

LOCAL TAXES FOR CURRENT YEAR			
Property	\$1,928,147.00		
Interest & Penalties	1,975.03		
Land Use Change Tax	250.00		
Yield	5,057.78		
Onset Road Assessment	<u>4,977.11</u>		
			\$1,940,406.92
LOCAL TAXES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS			
Property	\$ 243,520.07		
Interest & Penalties	18,302.14		
Yield	371.97		
Onset Road Assessment	1,119.72		
Tax Liens Redeemed	136,127.68		
Tax Lien Interest & Penalties	<u>38,296.93</u>		
			\$ 437,738.51
WATER DEPARTMENT			\$ 35,289.49
SEWER DEPARTMENT			\$ 18,630.39
TOWN CLERK REVENUE			\$ 106,440.96
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE			
Shared Revenue	\$ 110,269.87		
Highway Block Grant	25,850.42		
Rooms & Meals Tax	10,258.25		
Water Pollution Grant	<u>24,960.00</u>		
			\$ 171,338.54
INTERFUND TRANSFER			\$ 55,539.86
MONADNOCK PAPER MILL CLOSURE GIFT			\$ 80,000.00
GRANTS			
COPS/FAST (police)	\$ 9,207.00		
SMOCTA (police)	3,048.00		
DES (recycling)	<u>1,410.84</u>		
			\$ 13,665.84
KDK SETTLEMENT			\$ 10,527.00
DIVIDENDS			
Property Liability Ins.	\$ 1,626.81		
Workers' Compensation	2,409.03		
Unemployment	<u>20.87</u>		
			\$ 4,056.71
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES			\$ 500,000.00
INTEREST EARNED ON ACCOUNTS			\$ 9,219.78

RECYCLING REVENUE

Scrap Metal	\$	33.71	
Newspapers		1,580.20	
Glass		668.55	
Plastic		571.90	
Aluminum Cans		<u>1,040.40</u>	
	\$		3,894.76

INCOME FROM DEPARTMENTS

Police	\$	265.00	
Recreation		688.00	
Planning Board		294.15	
Zoning Board of Adjustment		240.23	
Administration		105.00	
Cemeteries		<u>1,961.45</u>	
	\$		3,553.83

LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES

Building Permits	\$	455.00	
Demolition Fee		10.00	
SWD Disposal Fees		338.50	
Cable Franchise Fees		1,629.77	
Bad Check Fees		110.00	
Pistol Permit		10.00	
CUV Filing Fees		41.96	
Commercial Hauler Permit		<u>250.00</u>	
	\$		2,845.23

DEPARTMENT REIMBURSEMENTS

Highway	\$	207.39	
Welfare		415.00	
Election & Registration		127.00	
Personnel Administration		120.00	
Insurance		2,371.87	
Legal		<u>1,622.88</u>	
	\$		4,864.14

OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS

Town of Antrim	\$	7,439.00	
Town of Francetown		2,150.91	
Conval School District		150.00	
Department of Energy		<u>59.00</u>	
	\$		<u>9,798.91</u>

TOTAL 1995 RECEIPTS			\$3,407,810.87
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STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1995

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

Selectmen Salaries	\$ 1,905.45	
Administrative Assistant	28,011.06	
Part-Time Office Support	10,428.48	
Moderator Salary	20.00	
Telephone	2,922.95	
Computer Support	2,276.92	
Copier Lease	1,721.16	
Dues & Subscriptions	500.00	
Advertising	615.90	
General Supplies	1,533.37	
Office Supplies	1,877.30	
Postage	2,557.27	
Miscellaneous Expenses	221.92	
Mileage/Travel Expenses	299.30	
Town Meeting Police Coverage	224.00	
Printing 1994 Town Report	<u>1,673.75</u>	
Total Executive Office		\$ 56,788.83

ELECTION & REGISTRATION

Town Clerk	\$ 4,901.73	
Deputy Town Clerk	812.60	
Dues & Subscriptions	67.25	
Town Clerk Office Supplies	191.32	
Municipal Agent	109.56	
Supervisors of Checklist	545.00	
Conval Supervisor Salaries	150.00	
Advertising	79.97	
Supervisor Office Supplies	45.71	
Ballot Clerks	180.00	
Election Printing	232.62	
Election Meals	<u>38.68</u>	
Total Election & Registration		\$ 7,354.44

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Auditing Services	\$ 4,725.00	
Bank Services	6.00	
Assessing	7,448.40	
Tax Collector/Bookkeeper	27,030.00	
Tax Collector Dues	15.00	
Tax Collector Expenses	2,105.45	
Treasurer	750.00	
1994 Overlay	11,627.08	
Town Clerk Refunds	<u>668.00</u>	
Total Financial Administration		\$ 54,374.93

JUDICIAL & LEGAL EXPENSES

General Legal Support	\$ 44,705.34	
Defense Proceedings	25,648.70	
Judgments/Settlements	<u>69,476.40</u>	
Total Judicial/Legal Expenses		\$139,830.44

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION

Health Insurance	\$ 33,697.93	
Dental Insurance	1,906.73	
FICA	11,180.89	
Medicare	3,728.44	
Group 1 Retirement	2,012.45	
Unemployment Compensation	523.98	
Workers Compensation	<u>1,679.74</u>	
Total Personnel Administration		\$ 54,730.16

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Recording Secretary	\$ 300.00	
SWRPC Membership Dues	1,381.00	
Planning Board Miscellaneous	776.24	
Zoning Board Miscellaneous	<u>191.15</u>	
Total Planning & Development		\$ 2,648.39

GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

Custodial/Groundskeeping	\$ 2,535.03	
Security & Fire Alarms	1,149.75	
Electricity	2,082.77	
Heat & Oil	1,453.21	
Repairs & Maintenance	3,578.25	
Supplies	<u>257.48</u>	
Total Government Buildings		\$ 11,056.49

CEMETERIES

Evergreen Cemetery Maint.	\$ 2,875.15	
Sunnyside Cemetery Maint.	<u>1,770.31</u>	
Total Cemeteries		\$ 4,645.46

PROPERTY/LIABILITY INSURANCE

NHMA-PLIT Annual Premium	\$ 18,234.00	\$ 18,234.00
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OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Contingency Fund	\$ 2,834.78	
Abatement Interest	<u>304.49</u>	
Total Other General Govern.		\$ 3,139.27

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chiefs	\$ 472.47	
Telephone	419.37	
Electricity	1,484.64	
Dispatch Service	1,626.24	
General Supplies	2,332.01	
Fire Fighter Emergency Calls	4,960.59	
Training	1,781.00	
Lease of Radios	6,658.86	
Radio Repairs	656.10	
Gasoline	513.06	
Vehicle Repair	2,892.87	
Heat & Oil	840.76	
Building Repairs/Maintenance	<u>234.85</u>	
Total Fire Department		\$ 24,872.82

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief/Officers	\$ 58,378.69	
Retirement	2,401.45	
Administrative Telephone	2,651.46	
Cellular Telephone	895.53	
Lease of Pagers	380.96	
Medical Services	260.90	
Photo Services	296.72	
Dispatch Services	5,062.50	
Equipment/Training Supplies	1,537.94	
Office Supplies	496.03	
Postage	50.00	
Equipment Maintenance/Repair	1,001.24	
Gasoline	2,599.06	
Vehicle Repairs	3,843.13	
Books & Periodicals	400.51	
Uniforms	1,516.40	
Miscellaneous	383.99	
Education/Safety	596.27	
Special Detail/Temp. Position	3,999.76	
Sheriff Department Services	<u>5,999.00</u>	
Total Police Department		\$ 92,751.54

ANTRIM AMBULANCE	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
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BUILDING INSPECTION	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00
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GENERAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Road Agent	\$ 23,672.40	
Highway Laborers	22,904.26	
Telephone	475.51	
Electricity	854.03	
Lease of Pager	154.62	
Garage Heat	611.29	
Garage Maintenance/Repairs	351.73	
General Supplies	2,760.19	
Equipment Maintenance/Repair	2,822.32	
Gas & Oil	3,515.52	
Vehicle Maintenance/Repair	1,799.91	
Miscellaneous	<u>178.70</u>	
Total General Highway		\$ 60,100.48

HIGHWAYS & STREETS

Paving/Reconstruction/Grading	\$ 23,723.10	
Paving/Reconstruction Equip.	6,000.00	
Road Maintenance Supplies	634.31	
Road Drainage Supplies	1,950.00	
Snow/Ice Supplies	10,144.22	
Hired Plowing/Sanding	<u>2,574.00</u>	
Total Highways & Streets		\$ 45,025.63

STREET LIGHTING	\$ 11,116.07	\$ 11,116.07
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HOUSEHOLD HAZARD WASTE DAY	\$ 1,549.00	\$ 1,549.00
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TRANSFER STATION

Manager	\$ 8,296.17
Attendant	10,082.78
Telephone	429.18
Electricity	1,305.76
Hauling & Disposal	11,349.67
Shed Heat	30.97
General Supplies	1,875.25
Equipment Maintenance	52.16
Certification	150.00
Chemical Toilet	845.00
Miscellaneous	19.07
Recyclables Removal	1,270.00
Container Lease	1,504.20
NHRRRA Membership Dues	<u>71.03</u>

Total Transfer Station

\$ 37,281.24

WATER DEPARTMENT

Commissioners	\$ 390.00
Labor	1,110.48
NE Rural Water Assn. Dues	100.00
Postage	332.98
Miscellaneous	140.51
Town of Antrim	13,639.30
Telephone	722.70
Electricity	9,416.00
Pump House Heat	768.15
Water Line Repairs/Maintenance	<u>5,041.60</u>
Corrosion Control Chemicals	<u>1,185.75</u>

Total Water Department

\$ 32,847.47

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Groundskeeping	\$ 42.50
Town of Antrim	12,911.72
Electricity	2,898.09
Propane	46.94
Repair/Maintenance	<u>190.09</u>

Total Sewer Department

\$ 16,089.34

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Health Officer	\$ 600.00
Miscellaneous	<u>10.00</u>

Total Health Department

\$ 610.00

ANIMAL CONTROL

Veterinary Services	\$ 569.00
Equipment/Supplies	<u>19.02</u>

Total Animal Control

\$ 588.02

HEALTH AGENCIES

Home Health Care	\$ 4,000.00
Monadnock Family/Mental Health	<u>1,229.00</u>

Total Health Agencies

\$ 5,229.00

WELFARE DEPARTMENT		
Welfare Officer	\$ 1,208.00	
Telephone Reimbursement	64.24	
Dues & Subscriptions	31.00	
Postage	5.00	
Rental Assistance	2,152.75	
Meals On Wheels	455.00	
Medical Assistance	849.52	
Food Assistance	588.73	
Electric/Heat Assistance	<u>1,777.65</u>	
Total Welfare Department		\$ 7,131.89
PARKS & RECREATION		
Fishing Derby	\$ 200.00	
Activities	124.72	
Little League Baseball	1,000.00	
Soccer	392.20	
Miscellaneous	303.85	
Groundskeeping	1,741.61	
Telephone	528.68	
Electricity	507.12	
Chemical Toilets	942.50	
Life Guard	2,424.75	
Beach Groundskeeping	133.75	
Water Sampling/Analysis	16.00	
Red Cross Supplies	<u>14.85</u>	
Total Parks & Recreation		\$ 8,330.03
GEP DODGE LIBRARY		
Librarian	\$ 15,677.00	
Librarian Assistants	4,031.99	
Book Collection	6,000.00	
Telephone	437.41	
Electricity	547.21	
Heat & Oil	834.91	
Grounds Maintenance	82.50	
Building Maintenance	79.95	
Photo Copier Supplies	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total GEP Dodge Library		\$ 28,690.97
MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE	\$ 650.18	\$ 650.18
CONSERVATION COMMISSION MAPS	\$ 45.00	\$ 45.00
TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES		
Principal	\$500,000.00	
Interest	<u>13,737.50</u>	
Total Tax Anticipation Notes		\$513,737.50
PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM NOTES		
Note Repayments	\$ 1,300.08	
General Obligation Debt	41,750.00	
Landfill Closure Bond	<u>110,000.00</u>	
Total Principal		\$153,050.08

INTEREST - LONG TERM NOTES

Interest on Notes	\$ 763.79	
General Obligation Debt	34,933.70	
Landfill Closure Bond	<u>5,590.00</u>	
Total Interest		\$ 41,287.49

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Extra-Ordinary Legal	\$ 18,300.00	
Fire Truck	15,000.00	
Highway Truck	20,000.00	
Rescue Vehicle	10,000.00	
Police Cruiser	12,000.00	
M3 Fire Truck	5,000.00	
Library	4,000.00	
Conservation Commission	<u>2,000.00</u>	
Total Capital Reserve Funds		\$ 86,300.00

1995 WARRANT ARTICLES

Post-Closure Landfill Costs	\$ 17,400.92	
Street Signs	1,787.50	
Town Hall Roof Repair	1,700.00	
Water Connection With Antrim	17,422.69	
Computer Replacement/Upgrade	9,306.41	
Fire Dept. Heating System	6,308.04	
Fire Equipment Replacement	5,127.41	
* COPS Fast Program	14,471.10	
**CRF Police Cruiser (Net)	12,404.35	
**CRF Highway Truck (Net)	28,612.14	
**CRF Water Pump	<u>12,394.00</u>	
Total 1995 Warrant Articles		\$129,934.56

TAXES PAID TO HILLSBORO COUNTY \$114,746.00 \$114,746.00

TAXES PAID TO CONVAL SCHOOLS \$1,534,560.00 \$1,534,560.00

TOTAL 1995 EXPENDITURES **\$3,287,682.72**

* Federal program provides 75% support. See Warrant Article #8 as printed in the 1994 Annual Town Report.

** Fully funded by their respective Capital Reserve Fund.

1995 PAYROLL

Attridge, Timothy	\$ 2,653.75
Belcher, Debra	2,767.47
Blanchard, David	25,482.07
Brown, Cameron	31,000.32
Campbell, C. Stephen	17,366.86
Chabot, Pierre	2,424.75
Chase, Elizabeth	150.00
Cleary, James	750.00
Clough, Melissa	1,707.50
Clow, Gail	10,428.48
Collemacine, Dominic	159.18
Cook, Michael	1,175.50
Dickinson, Scott	9,096.12
Foote Sr., Lester	8,907.28
Fox II, Wyatt	24,703.26
French, Denise	27,060.00
French, John	300.00
Hall, Bruce	163.29
Handy, Jane	382.19
Harding, Alan	8,296.17
Heinzman Jr., Chester	750.00
Huntley, Athlon	320.00
Huntley, Barbara	1,808.00
Johnson, Roy	206.00
Logan, Lisa	5,222.90
Loucks, Glenn	304.11 *
MacGregor, Leslie	15,677.00
Magoon, Marie	750.00
Mancini, David	62.88
Miner, Joyce	750.00
Perry, Adam	594.00
Reid, William	28,011.06
Rochford, David	182.00
Seneschal, Ryan	594.00
Skerry, Bonnie	1,105.02
Skerry, David	22,416.25
Tarrio, Christine	1,288.00
Warren, Carroll	1,095.50
Wood, Andrew	1,048.00
Young, Russell	<u>150.00</u>
TOTAL 1995 PAYROLL	\$257,308.91

* Wages were returned to the Town.

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1995 G.E.P. DODGE LIBRARY REPORT

Operating Account

Cash on hand Jan.1, 1995	\$1,666.40
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Receipts

Trust Funds	\$4,023.06
NOW acct. interest	28.10
Book sales/Fundraising	572.80
Copy Machine Revenue	307.00
Town Book Allocation	6,000.00
Copier - Town Allocation	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<u>11,930.96</u>

\$13,597.36

Expenses

Building Maintenance	689.16
Office Amination	1,518.01
Book Collection	6,883.15
Periodicals	313.38
Book Rental Program	687.96
Education/Memberships	702.00
Petty Cash	260.00
Special Programs	132.57
Donations/Public Relations	150.00
Copy Machine	<u>1,381.43</u>
	12,717.66
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	<u>12,717.66</u>

Cash in Operating Acct. Jan.1, 1996	879.70
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Bal. Special Computer Acct. Jan. 1, 1996	2,328.77
Deposit/Interest	113.02
Bank Check for Computer Purchase	
and close-out of account April 3, 1995	= 2,441.79
Balance	-0-

LIBRARY

Many positive things have come from our having a computer for the Library. We are now able to search the NH State Library's database for materials for patrons, thus increasing even further, access to information and literature. Since getting our computer, the State Library has also installed a state of the art cataloging program. All of these programs are available to us for free, as long as we maintain our accreditation. So from a tiny town in a small state we have access to information on an equal basis with anyone, anywhere in the world.

This year's Summer Reading program was entitled "Saddle Up a Good Book" - a western and native American theme. Once again it was sponsored by CHILLIS (Children's Librarians of NH) and the First NH Bank. We had several activities for participants and their families, and they were:

1. A Newspaper Activities Program (SNAP) run by the Union Leader.
2. Country line dancing at the Town Hall run by Julie Green, Darwin Hughes, and Bruce and Arlene Edes
3. Horse sense by Joyce Desaulniers
4. a bike rodeo organized by Officer Steve Campbell, assisted by Brian Gianmarino (Antrim Officer), and Tom Cochran
5. Monday morning story time and crafts for the pre-school age group
6. Thursday evening story time conducted by our town VIP's reading to our young patrons. Our readers were Linda Osienski, Father Bedard, Lisa Logan, Carrie Whitemore, Jean Smith, and Chris Tarrio.
7. A barbecue and games on the Library lawn celebrating the end of the reading program.

A special THANK YOU to the Bennington Country Store for providing our patrons with hundreds of free popsicles and dozens of free video rentals earned by reading 100 pages per coupon for a popsicle and a free video rental for every 700 pages read. Our summer reading program would not have had the sparkle it did without the Bennington Country Store's contribution and without the intense labor provided by volunteers such as Debi Belcher, Melissa Clough, Patricia Oh and Linda Osienski who put together all of the art work and crafts.

In 1995 as in years past, we continued to have programs for our patrons. We have Monday morning story time and crafts for children not yet in school, and we have holiday

programs throughout the year. This year we will add a story time for our home school families, and we will attempt to start a book group for adults.

We tried to start a Farmer's Market this past summer, both as a fund raiser, and as an outlet for anyone in Bennington with too many plants, crafts, jarred and pickled goodies, baked things and zucchini. It was terribly unsuccessful. The Library managed to sell some books and a few dozen eggs, donuts and cookies, but many of us spent Saturday mornings in front of the Library reading books and waiting for customers.

Rather than selling books at a large book sale this year, we decided to sell books year round just inside the front doors. It is a slow process and we do not get many out of town customers, but it has done quite well. Our next large book/bake/yard sale will be in the fall of 1996.

We have now finished our third year with Project LIFT. Project LIFT is organized out of the Fuller Library in Hillsboro and includes the Antrim Library as well. Project LIFT is partially funded by grants, donations and Title VI funds. LIFT provides materials and tutors for adults learning to read and for people preparing for their GED's. Project LIFT is always on the look-out for volunteer tutors. If you are interested, please contact either the Bennington Library or the Hillsboro Library.

Thanks to a very generous patron, the Library now had 103 music CDs to loan out. This is the first time we have been able to offer CDs to our patrons. We are always grateful for the donations of talking books, CDs and videos, so please think of us next time you're weeding out your collections. Many of our periodicals, and all of our newspapers have also been given to the Library by yet another patron.

Our patron/population ratio is still excellent, new patrons have been added and very few of our others have moved away. Circulation is high, and inter-library loans have boomed. It has been a happy chore and challenge to keep up with all the varieties of literature our patrons desire and stay within the budget.

Our army of volunteers has been loyal and generous again this year. Despite the huge numbers of generous patrons volunteering, we can always use more but we do not want to burden the ones we already have. Some of the activities our volunteers are involved with include:

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| -Sunday hours | -Art work | -Story times/crafts | -Computer help |
| -Book deliveries | -Baking | -Help at Book Sales | -Programs |

To all of the following volunteers who cheerfully dedicate so much of their time to our Library:

Tom and Debi Belcher and their children; Linda Osienski; Jean and Lee Smith; Patricia and Hieyoung Oh and family; David and Catriona Beck; Frances and Melissa Clough;

Robin Gregg; Eleanor Amidon; Chris and Rich Tarrío; Lisa Logan; Judith Klein-Dial and Barry Dial; Dave Barrett; Russell Young; Jessica and Sarah Brown; Dana and Ryan MacGregor; Phil and Val Germain; Priscilla Roberts; Tom and Lisa Cochran; Father Bedard; Officer Steve Campbell; Joyce Desaulniers; Betty Coffin; Carrie Whittemore; Julie Green; Darwin Hughes; Bruce and Arlene Edes; and to the three most dedicated Trustees in New Hampshire; Elaine Barrett, Joseph MacGregor and Virginia Young, thank you so very much. The Library could not exist without you.

CAPITAL RESERVE COMMITTEE

At two meetings in the fall of 1995, the Committee recommended approval by the taxpayers of the following 1996 appropriations for the purposes indicated;

Fire Truck	\$15,000
Rescue Vehicle	\$ 3,000
Highway Equipment	\$10,000
Police Cruiser	\$11,000
Library	\$ 4,000

Purchases made this year through Capital Reserve sources were a replacement water pump for the Water/Sewer Department, a Highway Department plow/sander and a Police cruiser.

In response to inquiries, the Library Capital Reserve Funds purpose's for repair, maintenance or improvement of the Library building, as opposed to Library operations.

The Committee is concerned about the long-term upkeep of Town bridges. Their status is assessed on an annual basis by the N.H. Department of Transportation. A rating report on each is filed by qualified agencies. Although none is defined as in need of immediate repair from the perspective of public safety, maintenance is important. We have recommended that a Capital Reserve Fund be initiated in 1997 for work we feel will be essential in the years ahead.

William B. Reid,
Administrative Assistant,

for the Committee

PLANNING BOARD

This past year has been a particularly slow one in terms of the number of requests which have come before the Planning Board. There have been but a small number on minor inquiries and hearings. No doubt this reflects both the general economic climate and the local situation as well.

The good news is that no major subdivisions for the purpose of building housing were proposed. This is good solely because the effect of home construction on the rate is usually detrimental to the town - driven, to a large extent, to the impact of the school funding formula.

The bad news is no new commercial proposals of any significance appear on the horizon, led by the fact the ski area is once again in limbo.

The Board has not seen the need to bring any new legislative proposals to the town this year. The current zoning regulations seem adequate, at least for the foreseeable future, to protect the town's resources of land and water, and to provide for an acceptable rate of growth.

Billy Horton, Chairman
Frank Cordelle, Secretary
Elaine Barrett
Peter Eppig
Doug Wilk
Marie Magoon, Ex Officio
Thomas Carr

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Conservation Commission continued efforts to implement various programs including local permitting and monitoring of small scale land use on wetland areas under 3,000 square feet, review of land uses, locating and identifying town boundary markers, monitoring local logging and woodlot operations, participation in the Contoocook River Advisory Committee, and updating of town land use maps.

Several field trips were made to local heron rookeries, wetlands and town boundary locations as well as our annual river clean-up day.

We appreciate all the help and cooperation from all who have supported the work of the Conservation Commission.

Respectively Submitted,
Bennington Conversation
Commission,

David Barrett, Chairman
Peter Eppig
Bruce Edes
John Manley
Joseph MacGregor
Dennis McKenney
Terry Schnare

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT

The Zoning Board of Adjustment heard 3 cases in 1995. In each case the relief requested by the applicants was granted.

I personally want to thank the other Board members; Russell Young, Sam Zachos, Tom Cochran and Harry Sewall, as well as alternate members; David Barrett and Walter Reasa for their service and dedication during this past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

John J. Cronin, III,
Chairman,
Zoning Board of Adjustment

BENNINGTON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

The first snow storm rolled in on November 15 and with seventeen storm days after that to the time of writing this report in mid-January we, at the Highway Department, are extremely thankful for the new highway truck which is handling the task quite well.

In addition to taking care of what Mother Nature dishes out, we had two major breaks in the water main, which we always fear in the winter.

But enough of cold weather projects. In the summer of 1995, the Highway Department paved 1,500 feet of Durgin Road and 1,200 feet of North Bennington Road. We also stripped the old pavement off the bridge on North Bennington Road, washed the concrete deck, sealed it and repaved it.

The top part of Gillis Hill, which was always so narrow and twisted, was widened and straightened out with 600 yards of crushed gravel applied to most of the road.

In the fall we assisted Antrim in the installation of 2,300 feet of eight inch water pipe to tie the Bennington and Antrim water wells together.

In the summer of 1996 we will continue to go as far as our paving budget will allow with projects on North Bennington Road and Bible Hill Road.

Another matter I would like to bring up for consideration and discussion is the remodeling or relocation of the town highway garage.

I mention relocation versus remodeling because I feel that by the time the town spends the money to rewire, insulate, install new windows and doors and floor drains, they would be approaching the cost, with the sale of the existing garage, of a new metal building at another location.

Remodeling the present building does not address the problem of backing trucks and equipment in and out onto a busy intersection with children, or the fact that the salt, sand, gravel and other equipment is all at another location.

I will welcome your opinion and solution to this matter.

Respectfully,
David Blanchard,
Road Agent

BENNINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

The year 1995 was one of transition for the Bennington Police Department. We experienced a complete change in personnel with Officer Steve Campbell joining the Department in February and Officer Scott Dickinson coming on board in July. We also changed our appearance by adopting one standard uniform for both summer and winter, as well as one standard Department issue firearm for all Officers. The change most commented on by many citizens has been the Police Department's positive attitude overall, with the focus on community-oriented policing, including increased programs in the school.

It was also a busy year for the Department. Officers handled 2,298 calls for service in 1995, of which 521 were criminal cases. This does not include motor vehicle stops, Mutual Aid responses to other towns, court appearances, community-oriented policing events or administrative functions. Combined, there were a total of over 4,000 citizen contacts in 1995.

In addition to the COPS/FAST grant, we applied for and were awarded a Veterans Administration Grant that requires no matching funds from the community; Officer Steve Campbell qualifies us for this Grant. Called the Service Members Occupational Conversion and Training Act (SMOCTA), it will pay the community for an additional \$10,500.00 based on our employment and training of an Armed Forces Veteran.

None of this would have been possible without the support of the community. Your help and encouragement are greatly appreciated. The door to the Police Department remains open as promised, and adults and children alike are welcome, whether they come with a problem, information, or just to say hello.

Officers worked without vacations or holidays and trained on their days off in 1995. We ask for your support on the Warrant Article that would allow Officers to take normal vacations, some holidays, and provide regular training in 1996. The 1996 budget will still be over \$5,000.00 less than 1995.

We are proud to be your Police Department and are committed to providing the best possible service to the community in a professional, courteous manner. We look forward to serving you in 1996.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cameron Brown,
Police Chief

BENNINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Bennington Fire Department responded to one hundred four calls in 1995. Of these, forty nine were rescue calls; five structure fires, two brush fires, thirteen motor vehicle accidents, nineteen mutual aid calls, six still alarms and ten false alarms.

In 1995 we had one of the driest summers on record. We would like to credit public awareness of fire dangers during that time, in that we were lucky to have a quiet summer.

The past twelve months brought a few changes in the Department. New officers were elected and new members added. Hopefully in 1996, we can end our drought of daytime help, which we really need.

In 1995, we also got some needed work done on the Fire Station, inside and out. We completed the furnace project with new duct work. The exterior trim and doors were painted thanks to the help of the Hillsborough County Department of Corrections. We also started to vinyl side the remaining part of the Station that needed it. Due to fall weather and lack of time, it was not completed. We will finish the work in the spring.

In closing, all the members of the Bennington Fire Department would like to thank the towns people for their help and cooperation in 1995 and we look forward to serving you in 1996.

Thank You,
Nick Colemacine, Chief
Tim Attridge, First Deputy

WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION

The 1995 year was one of major water main leaks. All of these were fixed as they occurred with the outstanding cooperation of our Highway Department. Highway also assisted in the repair of several leaks in customer service lines.

This year saw the successful completion of the project to cross connect our well with Antrim's well. Once again a perfect example of cooperation between Antrim's Water and Sewer Department and our Highway Department. A hired excavator and four men who knew exactly what they were doing resulted in over one hundred feet of pipe being laid in each hour.

In December of 1995 the company supplying and installing our new pump came and removed the old pump to ascertain that all fittings, etc. were compatible. Certain problems were discovered, leading to the need to fabricate parts and adapting connections. Consequently, as of the time of preparation of this report, we are still using water from the Town of Antrim in our system pending arrival of our new pump.

A letter of recommendation from the State of New Hampshire was secured after completion of the project and is made a part of this report.

We feel that we must start a Capital Reserve Account for the eventual replacement of some of our ancient and tired mains as well as for the purchase and installation of our next replacement pump.

There is a Warrant Article requesting funds for Bennington's share, per the original agreement regarding the processing of sewage, of the cost of repairing number one lagoon at the Antrim Treatment Plant. Inasmuch as such work will be necessary every fifteen to twenty years, we are going to recommend that our Department's annual Capital Reserve allocation include a sum for this purpose, reducing or eliminating the need for future Warrant Articles.

Finally, the increased cost of operating and maintaining the system has made it necessary to request a Warrant Article increasing water and sewer rates by twenty percent.

David Rochford
Roy Johnson
John French

CONVAL SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

As happened last year, I come to you with some possibly significant changes facing our town and the ConVal school District. As Yogi Berra once said, "It's like deja vu all over again."

We find ourselves revisiting some of the issues denied last year. The most crucial at this time, in my mind, is the funding formula. Unfortunately for me, you know more than I do about the formula vote since I'm writing this in January and you're more likely reading this after the election.

I believe that this 50/50 compromise is the most palatable for the "other" towns to support. I, for one, will be among the most relieved and gratified if it passes, and truly among the most disappointed if it doesn't. Many of us have been working very hard for years to have this formula changed, and if this last effort doesn't succeed, it's not for lack of trying.

The second issue is the "Great Pierce School Debate". After having seemingly resolved this last year, other concerns were raised by townspeople, necessitating another vote by residents as to whether you want the current school to be renovated or to have a new school built on a new site. Once again, you have the advantage of knowing the outcome of the vote; I'm just assuming this decision is final.

The issue I can still make my case for in a timely manner is the Elementary Schools Bond that will be voted on at District Meeting. It's imperative we pass the Bond this year for several reasons.

We've already lost a year with the defeat of the proposal last year, and we really can't afford to lose another. The conditions at Pierce School (and others) certainly aren't getting any better, and we would find it necessary to pour more money into improvements soon, which is really a waste in itself. Here in Bennington, the building of a new school or renovation of the old is something that has to be done, and the longer we put it off, the more expensive it's going to be. And I haven't even mentioned our being out of compliance with the ADA in all of these schools, something which could catch up with us at any time.

Bennington still remains first on the list of schools in the District to be attended to, but if the Bond fails again, it's possible that we could lose this place if something unforeseen were to happen to one of the other in the District. And, needless to say, our work in determining the placement of our school would be for naught if the Bond were to fail.

You'll notice the pricetag of the Bond is less, not more, than it was last year. By compressing the "build schedule" from 7 years to 4 years, we will realize a saving of more than \$500,000 from projected increases of building and material costs over the eliminated three years. Since the payment schedule will be spread over a period of several years, the vast majority of those years will see an increase of much less than 1% of the total budget (never over 1%), minimizing the financial impact.

Folks, I believe this is our best shot of getting a new or renovated school here in Bennington. I'm sure you see how important it is to VOTE YES ON THE BOND at District Meeting on MARCH 23, 10:00 AT THE CONVAL GYM. I'm looking forward to seeing you there.

Mark Tazelaar
Bennington Representative
ConVal School District

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Funding in 1995 for both Health and Welfare was adequate but only with careful administration of same was it possible to keep within its bounds.

Rent Assistance was still a big item and Fuel Assistance not far behind. Due to the early winter cold and the long delay in Federal Funding, fuel requests came in earlier than usual. The Program didn't open until January of 1996 with those eligible receiving Town Assistance for fuel until late in January or early February. This is very difficult for the elderly and needy families with children. Due to Welfare Reform Policies on the Federal level, Local Agencies are now responsible for more medication and prescription drugs for our ill/elderly, also.

However, I am grateful to Meals-On-Wheels, Home Health, "Operation Santa Claus" and the Holiday Food Basket Donors for their fine work and generosity.

Septic problems have been fewer, but sub-standard rental properties are still in abundance. I'm still working toward some control over these.

Respectfully Submitted,
Barbara Huntley,
Overseer of Public Welfare,
Health Officer

RECREATION COMMISSION

If there was a dark cloud in the Recreation Commission's 1995 program year, it involved the Christmas Party. A combination of circumstances prevented us from conducting this event disappointing many, including us. Residents are asked to consider it an interruption only. It will be back in 1996.

We had the pleasure of congratulating another Championship Little League Baseball Team. Two in a row and can May get here soon enough?

The year's most popular event was the Haunted Hayride. It takes a lot of people and a lot of work, but this is a fun time for the kids and the kid in all of us.

Fishing Derby time for 1996 isn't that far away. The event last spring was a great success - again - and again Bruce Edes made it so. The Commission, and the people of Bennington, salute him for the time and trials he goes through to make this the popular event it has come to be.

We had a downward turn in the number of youngsters taking part in swimming instruction at Lake Whittemore this summer. The Beach remains an attraction, however, and a water sport or relaxation spot, take your choice, for many of us. We can only hope more parents will get their kids into swimming lessons come June.

Space doesn't allow us to thank all of the good people who stepped up and helped in 1995. We are grateful to each of them. At the same time, we repeat our request... we need you as a volunteer, even on a short-time basis. Please let your interest be known to one of the members of the Commission or by calling the folks at the Town Hall, 588-2189. Please do it now.

Susan Seneschal, Chairman
Recreation Commission

Sfa Whittemore
Joyce Desaulniers
Penny Durgin
Kevin Cheever

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

This year we would again like to thank everyone for taking advantage of the Recycling Center.

As of October 1995, we no longer charge for white goods such as appliances. We are still charging for tires. Tickets are now available at the Recycling Center so you don't have to go to the Town Hall. Check with your attendant for prices.

We would like to thank Al Harding for a job well done at the Center. As you may know, Al resigned to start his own business in town. Good Luck Al!

With the resignation of Al Harding, Lester Foote has taken over responsibility of management at the Recycling Center. We would like to thank Al, Lester and our new attendant, Mike Cook of Bennington who started in October, for keeping the Center clean and neat.

The Swap Shop is still there for your availability. If your spring cleaning finds you with any new or used items you don't use or no longer need, please bring them by. Please note... The Swap Shop is designed for usable items only.

The new hours seem to be working fine. If you have any suggestions, please let us know.

Hours:	Wednesday	1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
	Saturday	9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
	Sunday	1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Solid Waste Committee,

Joseph Cuddemi
Stephen Chase, Jr.
Walter Reasa

BENNINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In March, at Town Meeting, Jane Handy was elected Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen. In July, Jane resigned and the two remaining Selectmen, Marie Magoon and Jim Cleary appointed Glenn Loucks of Mountain Road to fill the vacancy.

The Monadnock Paper Mill observed its 175th anniversary last year. In the fall, they announced they were reducing their workforce by twenty salaried employees and were laying off an additional nine hourly paid workers. Richard Verney, Monadnock Mills President, stated the staff reductions were necessary to offset increases in the cost of raw materials and a decrease in business.

Cameron Brown accepted the job of Police Chief and had implemented many changes in the Department. In June, Sergeant David Skerry resigned from the force and has taken a job in Hancock; after nearly twelve years of service, he and his family have moved to Hancock. Officer Steve Campbell was hired with Federal COPS Program funding.

Sixty-five out-of-town people visited the Bennington Historical Society Museum. The visitor from the furthest away was from new Mexico; she was a distant relative of Alexander Couldwell. We have his uniform jacket from the War of 1812.

Verna Paige and Dorothy Glynn kept the museum open each Saturday afternoon from May 15th through October 15th. We also opened the museum several times by appointment. The Bennington Historical Society now has seventy members. The Society awarded Honorary Membership to Arnold and Jean Cernota for their many years of loyal service. Also honored was David Skerry in appreciation of all his help on the museum building renovation. Pearl Walker of St. Petersburg Florida, a Bennington summer visitor made a donation of \$2,000 to the Museum Building Fund.

We are sad to report the death of one of our Honorary Members, Ruth A. Cody. Mrs. Cody taught at the Pierce School for Thirty-seven years, teaching three generations of Bennington children. When she retired, a plaque was installed in the Town Hall announcing a special "Ruth A. Cody" Day. Mrs. Cody donated her collection of glass negative photographic plates to the Society; these once belonged to photographer Lill Lawrence. Many of these pictures were incorporated into the Pictorial History of Bennington. We shall miss her presence in the Town and will always be grateful for her teaching and guidance.

We also lost a loyal member of the Society; Donald Glynn. Donald was in charge of moving the Historical Society Museum building and was also responsible for much of the renovations. Donations to the Society in him memory totaled \$380.

At our country ham and baked bean dinner, raffle and nostalgia show in August, the Society earned \$1,500 for our building fund. We owe a big thank you to Nora Lee

Diemond Sysyn for her delightful music and skit about Edmund's General Store. Clarence Edmunds (the son) and Richard Edmunds (the grandson) and their wives represented the Edmunds family. A special thank you is extended to Dorothy Glynn for selling \$600 worth of raffle tickets. Of course we owe a big thank you to all the other workers in the kitchen and dining room.

In October we held our annual roast turkey dinner with 135 people attending from the local area, Boston, New Jersey, Derry and Keene. The dinner was held in the Catholic Church hall and nearly \$1,200 was raised. The weather that Saturday was very windy and rainy - there was an extended power outage. Our customers were all good sports about the electric coffee maker failure and seemed to enjoy dining by candlelight.

The Society planted many flowers and plants around the Civil War Monument. Michael Dionne, Dorothy Glynn and I kept them watered. We also planted shrubs and plants in front of the museum.

The Historical Society would like to thank Betty Coffin and her students for decorating the Christmas tree in front of the museum. Betty is always willing to help our Town!

At the October meeting, the Bennington Historical Society elected the following officers; David Glynn-President, Arnold Cernota-Vice President, Jean Cernota-Secretary/Treasurer, and Dorothy Glynn, Michael Dionne, Ron McClure and Sandy Cleary-Trustees.

Many friends and neighbors have worked to improve "downtown" Bennington and enhance our image. Let's all extend the olive branch of peace and join forces to bring new businesses and support projects that will increase the value of our homes. We are fortunate to have two well maintained churches, a great Library, a Historical Museum, and a wonderful Historic Town Hall. Our Fire Department/Hall and its equipment is above average for a Town of our size and we have a dedicated group of Volunteer Firemen.

We need to thank the local PTO, Recreation Committee, the Scouts and the VFW for maintaining the Old Train Station. Our Police need our help and cooperation.

The Bennington Historical Society would like to invite new members to join us; we welcome any help and suggestions.

Respectfully Submitted,
David A. Glynn,
President,
Bennington Historical

Town of Bennington
Town Warrant Business Meeting
Saturday, March 18, 1995

Bennington Town Moderator, James G. Dodge called the meeting to order at 10:00 am on Saturday, the eighteenth day of March 1995. Mr. Dodge explained the ground rules of procedure and proper conduct for the meeting. The said rules were approved by a voice vote by the 85 registered voters present at the Town Meeting. There being no objection, the Moderator will read aloud the Articles of said warrant in consecutive order as they are to be acted upon.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in the State of New Hampshire qualified to vote: you are hereby notified to meet at the Fire Station on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, next at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Note: The casting of absentee ballots will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Dodge read the results of the previous election.

Jane Handy, a Selectman, made a visual presentation outlining the structure of our town as an organization.

You are hereby notified to meet at the Great Brook School Gymnasium in said Town of Antrim on Saturday, the eighteenth day of March 1995, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Article 2. Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 31:39-a and adopt an ordinance defining and regulating conflict of interest for local officials and employees, whether elected or appointed. (Full text of the Ordinance is printed on pages 89 & 90 of the Town Report.)

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.

Vote: Article 2 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to modify its plan for extending to employees of the Town the benefits of federal social security and medicare by excluding service performed after December 31, 1994 by election officials and election workers if the remuneration paid in a calendar year for such service is less than \$1000.00.

Motion was made and seconded to approve this article as written.

Vote: Article 3 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Study Committee charged with the responsibility of assessing the Town's short-range and long-

range needs for public buildings, exclusive of schools, and providing recommendations on the same by September 15, 1995.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.

Vote: Article 4 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to "elect" to have the employees of the Town become eligible to participate in the New Hampshire Retirement System (Group 1) pursuant to the provisions of RSA 100-A.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.

Vote: Article 5 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars (\$12,500.00) for the purpose of cross-connecting the water supply systems of the Town of Antrim and the Town of Bennington, providing both communities with a second water supply as required by under State of New Hampshire, Department of Environmental Services Administrative Rule Env-WS 373; the costs to be shared equally between the two Towns; and (2) to authorize the Selectmen to enter into an agreement with the Town of Antrim pursuant to the provisions of RSA 53-A providing for the construction, use, maintenance, and operation of the cross-connection system.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.

Vote: Article 6 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighty-three hundred dollars (\$8,300.00) for the purchase of computer software and hardware enabling the Town to maintain its own Property Assessment records and the upgrading of its current hardware required to accommodate this change.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.

Vote: Article 7 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote (1) to participate in the Community Oriented Policing Services program (COPS) [a three year program]; and (2) in order to fund the position of a full-time police officer for one year, to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-four thousand eight hundred twenty-five dollars (\$24,825.00) of which the sum of \$18,525.00 is to be received from COPS, and the balance of sixty-three hundred dollars (\$6,300.00) is to come from general taxation.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the motion as written.

Vote: A voice vote was not determined. Article 8 was passed by a hand vote.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of sixty-three hundred dollars (\$6,300.00) for the purchase and installation of a new heating system in the Fire Station.

Motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.

Vote: Article 9 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand six hundred seventy-two dollars (\$1,672.00) for the purpose of providing Street Signage at the termini or last major intersection of the Town's roads and streets. A motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.
Vote: Article 10 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one thousand nine hundred ninety-five dollars (\$1,995.00) for the repair of the slate roof of the Town Hall.
*note: A suggestion was made by Betsy Chase that while the repair crew was on the roof, could they please turn the weather vane to reflect the correct polar directions. A motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.
Vote: Article 11 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate its share, the sum of six thousand two hundred twenty-five dollars (\$6,225.00) to perform water testing, gas survey monitoring, topography testing and the mowing of grass at the former Tri-Town Landfill, all as required by the post-closure agreement with the State of New Hampshire; the costs of which are to be shared by Antrim, Bennington and Frankestown.
Vote: Article 12 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the withdrawal from the Water Pump Capital Reserve Fund, such funds as necessary for the replacement of the existing pump. Motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.
Vote: Article 13 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000.00) to be placed in the Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. Motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.
Vote: Article 14 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to be placed in the Used Fire Truck Capital Reserve Fund. A motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.
Vote: Article 15 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to be placed in the Rescue Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund. A motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.
Vote: Article 16 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to (1) raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand dollars (\$6,000) to be placed in the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and (2) to authorize the withdrawal from that fund such funds as necessary for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser.

A motion was made and seconded to amend Article 17.

Amendment to Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to (1) raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) to be placed in the Police Cruiser Capital Reserve Fund and (2) to authorize the withdrawal from that fund such funds necessary for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Amendment to Article 17 as written.

Vote: The Amendment to Article 17 approved by a voice vote.

Question: Do the voters of Bennington support the purchase of a new cruiser and also keeping the old 4-wheel drive cruiser instead of trading it in?

A hand vote reflected that the Town should have 2 Police Cruisers.

Question: Do the voters of Bennington want another 4-wheel drive vehicle or should Chief Brown, along with the Selectmen's approval, consider a lower cost vehicle such as a sedan both of which will be replaced on a rotating basis.

The majority feeling on this issue is that although a sedan type vehicle would be within the budget allotted, the final decision should be made by Chief Brown and the Selectmen as to which type of vehicle would best service the citizens of Bennington and the Police Department.

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote (1) to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to be placed in the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund and (2) to authorize the withdrawal from that fund such funds as necessary for the purchase of a new Highway Plow/Sander.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.

Vote: Article 18 was approved by a voice vote.

An error in the figure \$16,000.00 was corrected to \$18,300.00 thus Article 19 was read as follows:

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to (1) raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand three hundred dollars (\$18,300.00) for the Capital Reserve Legal Contingency Fund; (2) to authorize the Selectmen to make such necessary withdrawals from that fund as are necessary to meet emergency legal cost needs for which it was created.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.

Vote: Article 19 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars (\$4,000.00) to be added to the Library Capital Reserve Fund, and (2) to authorize the Board of Library Trustees to make withdrawal of these funds for the repair or replacement of Library equipment in accordance with the purpose for which the Fund was intended. A motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.

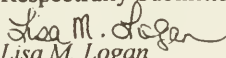
Vote: Article 20 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote (1) to establish a conservation fund pursuant to the provisions of RSA 36-A:5, and (2) to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) to be placed in the Conservation Fund.
A motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.
Vote: Article 21 was approved by a voice vote.

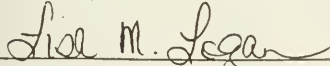
Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to purchase for the Bennington Fire Department one (1) MSA self-contained breathing apparatus at a cost of eighteen hundred dollars(\$1,800.00); complete turn-out gear at the cost of one thousand one hundred dollars (\$1,100.00); and various other items of equipment at the cost of twenty-one hundred dollars (\$2,100.00).
A motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.
Vote: Article 22 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of eight hundred thirty-five thousand two hundred seventy-two dollars (\$835,272.00) which represents the 1995 operating budget, said sum exclusive of all special articles addressed (7-22).
A motion was made and seconded to approve the article as written.
Vote: Article 23 was approved by a voice vote.

Article 24. To hear the reports of the Committees and act thereon.
A standing ovation was given to the members of the Committee for Fair School Funding whose tireless efforts proved almost successful in changing the formula for which our schools are funded. A special thank-you is given to all of those who helped on this issue. Bennington showed a successful count of 68% of its registered voters who participated in casting a ballot on Election Day.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Logan
Town Clerk

A true copy of Town Business Meeting Minutes- Attest



Lisa M. Logan, Town Clerk

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Pursuant to the authority of the Selectmen of the Town of Bennington, New Hampshire as set forth in New Hampshire Statutes Annotated 41:8 and 31:39 and in order to promote the public health, safety and to provide for the general welfare of the citizens of the Town of Bennington, the following ordinance is hereby enacted:

Misuse of Power: It shall be unlawful for any person to make loud and unreasonable noises, or smoke, by virtue of improper operation of a motor vehicle, (as defined in NH RSA 259:60), upon any public way, sidewalk, alley, public or semipublic parking lot. The unlawful noise shall include, but not be limited to, squealing and or spinning of tires, revving of engines, "brake-stands", or unnecessary hard braking.

Penalty: Any person found guilty of violating this Town Ordinance shall be deemed to be guilty of a violation as defined in NH RSA 625 (and following), and shall be subject to a fine not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each offense.

Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be effective upon posting at the Bennington Town Hall, and upon recording an attested copy of same with the Bennington Town Clerk.

Deaths Registered In The Town Of Bennington For The Year Ending December 31, 1995

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name & Surname of Deceased	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
01/15/95	Peterborough, NH	Edward Joseph Gilbert	Unknown	Blanche O. Gilbert
02/06/95	Peterborough, NH	Harold Eugene Ellis	Eugene Ellis	Nellie Hagaboom
02/09/95	Peterborough, NH	Maurice Eugene Wilson, Sr.	Ernest E. Wilson	Lillian Cain
03/14/95	Peterborough, NH	Donald Francis Glynn	Horton Glynn	Alice Sylvester
10/28/95	Bennington, NH	Gertrude I. Tapper	Henry Tapper	Emma Dawe
11/12/95	Milford, NH	Gwendolyn C. Nutter	Warren Craig	Evelyn Balch
12/18/95	Bennington, NH	Ruth Anna Cody	Adin T. Putnam	Anna L. Woodard

I hereby certify that the above report is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Logan, Town Clerk

Marriages Registered In The Town Of Bennington For Year Ending December 31, 1995

Date of Ceremony	Name of Bride & Groom	Residence
03/01/95	Leona M. Hotin Benjamin Howard Mabry	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
03/18/95	Gail Marie Clow William Henry Clow	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
04/22/95	Linda D. Walsh Frank Gregory Smith	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
05/27/95	Susan Kay Kelly Rodney Spencer Speckman	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
06/03/95	Tara E. Walsh Kenneth Wynands	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
06/24/95	Nancy Marie McGuire Patrick Ronald Woods	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
09/02/95	Deborah Lewis Read Koutier Belguendouz	Arlington, MA Arlington, MA
09/23/95	Kathleen Alice Delay Kevin Edward Reardon	Bennington, NH Londonderry, NH
10/07/95	Kathleen Ann Brennan Michael David Genest	Bennington, NH Bennington, NH
10/27/95	Kim Marie Peck Alfred Nicholas Meyer	Mokena, IL Mokena, IL
12/18/95	Donna Lee Daniels Brike Wade Hall	Athens, TN Bennington, NH

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Births Registered In The Town Of Bennington For The Year Ending December 31, 1995

<u>Date of Birth</u>	<u>Place of Birth</u>	<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Maiden Name</u>
02/07/95	Peterborough, NH	Jack Henry Kelso	Francis D. Kelso III	Janice M. Klidza
02/11/95	Concord, NH	Elizabeth Anne Chase	Mark S. Chase	Kathy Y. Wilson
03/01/95	Bennington, NH	Cyrus Austin Lyons	Randall M. Lyons	Teresa A. Bennett
03/21/95	Concord, NH	Jaidlyn Ari Clough	Fred B. Clough, Jr.	Kristy L. Coombs
04/11/95	Peterborough, NH	Emily Grace Tyler	John A. Tyler	Janice M. Aube
04/19/95	Keene, NH	Miranda Marie Sloan	Aaron R. Sloan	Elisen M. Oickle
05/13/95	Peterborough, NH	Paul Nicholas Blanchette	Dave J. Blanchette	Tammi J. Chirichiello
06/14/95	Peterborough, NH	Anastasia Marie Hautanen	Brent D. Hautanen	Nichelle A. Healy
07/24/95	Keene, NH	Gabriel Leland Schroeder	Stephen L. Schroeder	Christine Handrahan
08/27/95	Concord, NH	Corey Nicholas Brown	Wayne L. Brown	Chris U. Laviolette
09/17/95	Peterborough, NH	Emily Jean Sewall	Harold D. Sewall	Kimberly A. Sanders
10/22/95	Peterborough, NH	MariClaire Engelman Gulla	Robert J. Gulla	Kathleen Engleman
11/23/95	Concord, NH	Emilee Jane Hyland	Edward J. Hyland	Robin Lee Bixby
12/18/95	Peterborough, NH	Adam Joseph Smullen	Joseph D. Smullen	Kristin E. Smith

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 Respectfully submitted,
Lisa M. Logan, Town Clerk

TOWN OFFICE HOURS

Town Hall	Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Tax Collector	Available during Town Hall office hours
Town Clerk	Monday & Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to noon Saturday 10:00 a.m. to noon (Hours subject to change after election)

MEETING SCHEDULES

Selectmen	Every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.
Planning Board	Second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Library Trustees	Third Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. in the Library.
Recreation Committee	Third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Water & Sewer Commissioners	First Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
Conservation Commission	Second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Noon - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	Noon - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. (staffed by volunteers)

RECYCLING/TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Wednesday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Bennington lost one of its dearest and most respected residents December 18 on the death of Ruth A. Cody.

Ruth had been a teacher and principal at Pierce School since 1935, and had helped shape the lives of hundreds of young people. She was understanding; she was admired. She was never ignored.

Bennington honored Ruth by declaring June 9, 1992 as Ruth Cody Day. All those fortunate enough to know her will miss her.

YES I CAN!!!



1995 MONADNOCK LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

Front view, left to right: Justin Wilk, Mark Cheever, Marc McKenney. Second row: Jim Griswold, Adam Morris, Matt Hall, Rory Whittemore, Kenny Desaulniers, Ben Cheever. Third row: Coach Dave Parker, Joshua Bond, Kenny Seymour, Patrick Higgins, Dan Schroeder, Nate Schroeder, Chad Durgin, Coach Gary Graham.